





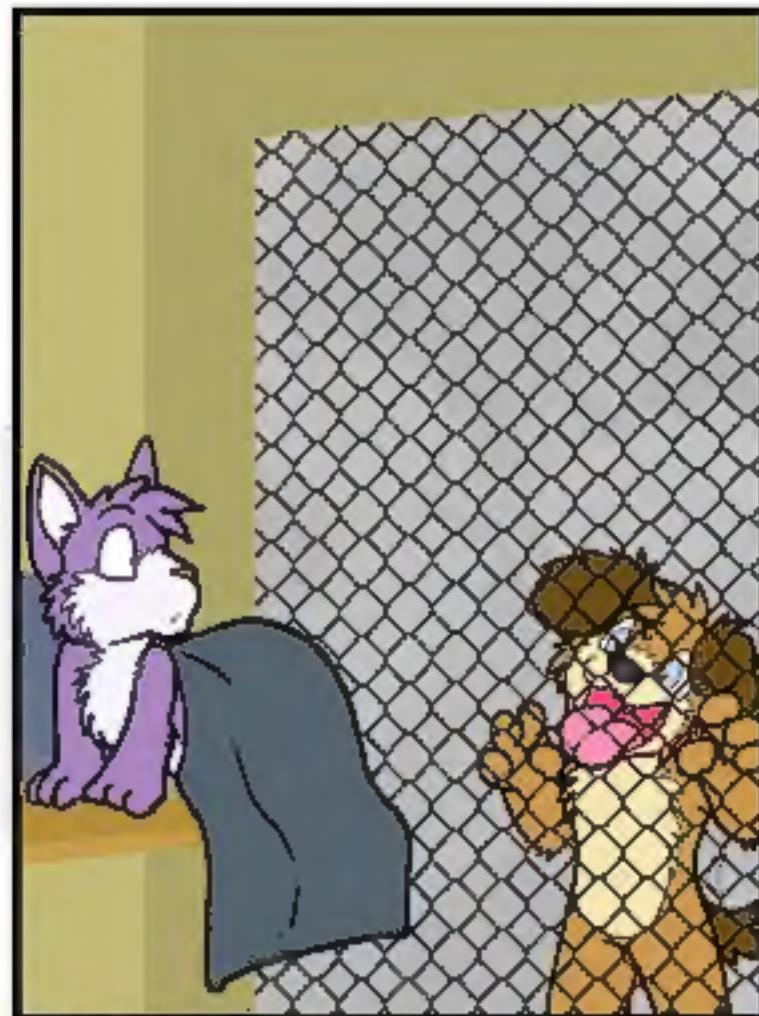


AND SO . . .

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND, NONE
OF THE DOGS SEEM
TO LIKE PEANUT

MAYBE WE
SHOULD TRY
ANOTHER
POUND

POP



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HI, MY NAME IS PEANUT! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

GET BACK IN YOUR CAGE YOU STUPID DOG!



I DON'T HAVE A CAGE! MOM AN' DAD BROUGHT ME HERE SO I CAN PICK OUT A SIBLING, SO I HAVE SOMEONE ELSE TO UNLOAD MY MANIC ENERGY UPON

YOU CALL YOUR OWNERS 'MOM' AND 'DAD'? UGH, THAT IS SO SCHMALTZY



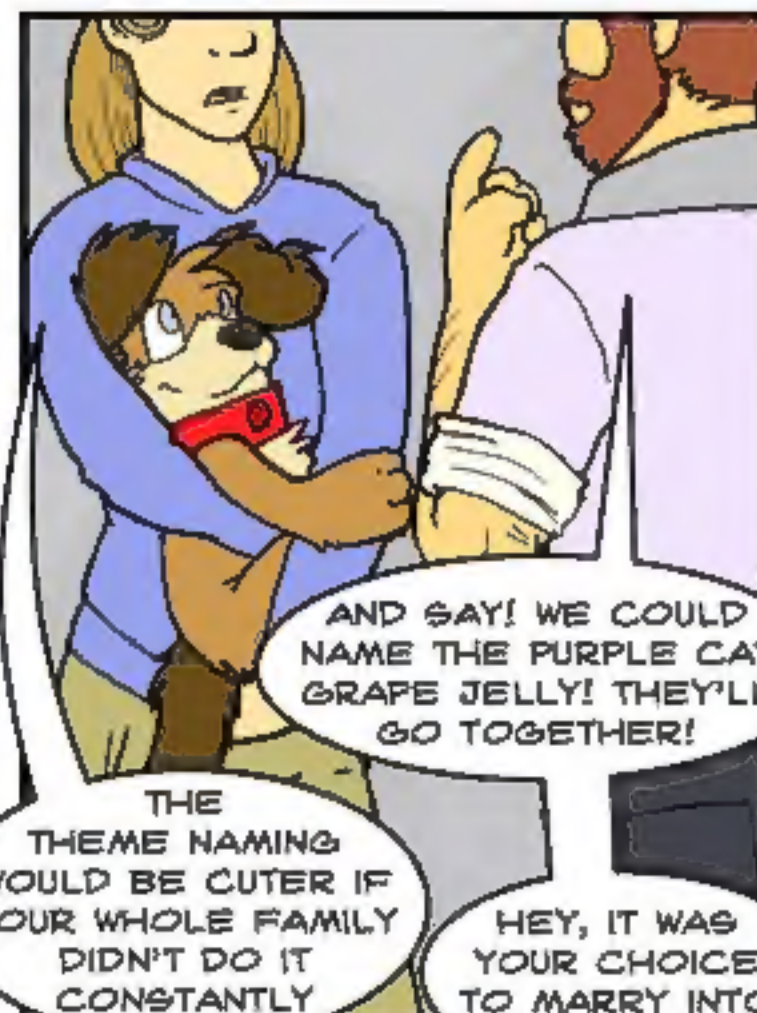
WHY, WHAT DO YOU CALL YOUR OWNERS?

I DON'T HAVE OWNERS, MORON! EVERYONE HERE WAS STRAY, SEIZED OR SURRENDERED!



NOT ME! MY OWNERS DROPPED ME OFF A FEW YEARS AGO, BUT THEY'LL BE BACK ANY DAY NOW

EXCEPT FOR DELUSIONAL STEVE



AND THAT WAS THAT,
THOUGH IT TOOK A WHILE
BEFORE THE NEIGHBORS
WARMED UP TO HER

WHY IS SHE IN
THAT PICTURE WITH
ALL THE DOGS?

ACTUALLY, SHE PREFERRED TO
HANG AROUND OUR NEIGHBOR DOGS
FOR THE LONGEST TIME

I THOUGHT YOU
SAID THEY HADN'T
WARMED UP TO HER

THAT'S
RIGHT

HEY CAT!
CAN'T YOU
READ?!

GOODOL' DOGS
CLUB EVENT
NOCATS

ALRIGHT EVERYONE,
PLEASE SIT DOWN FOR
THE PRESENTATION

EVERYONE!
PLEASE!

SIT!



GOOD BOYS AND
GIRLS! TODAY, OFFICER
RALPH IS GOING TO GIVE THE
SECOND PART OF HIS
LECTURE ON SAFETY!

LET'S GIVE HIM
A BIG ROUND OF
APPAWS!

...
PLAUSE

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP



HEY THERE, PUPS!
BEFORE WE GET
ROLLING, LET'S SEE IF
YOU REMEMBER WHAT WE
TALKED ABOUT LAST
TIME!

WHAT WOULD YOU
DO IF A STRANGER
OFFERED YOU
TREATS?

SNIFF HIS
BUTT!



JOEY, FOR
THE LAST
TIME ...

BUT THEN HE'S
NO LONGER A
STRANGER!

ERGO,
FREE
TREATS



BACKSTAGE

BOY, OFFICER RALPH REALLY GETS YOU INSPIRED ABOUT SAFETY, HUH?

I GUESS, WHATEVER

FOX! I NEED TO TELL YOU--

KEEP QUIET YOU DUMMY! ALSO, I TOLD YOU TO BE THE BOUNCER. THAT MEANS YOU STAND OUT FRONT!

I AM TRYING TO TELL YOU, A CAT GOT INSIDE!

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT? I TOLD YOU OUR STANCE ON CATS IS **NEUTRAL**

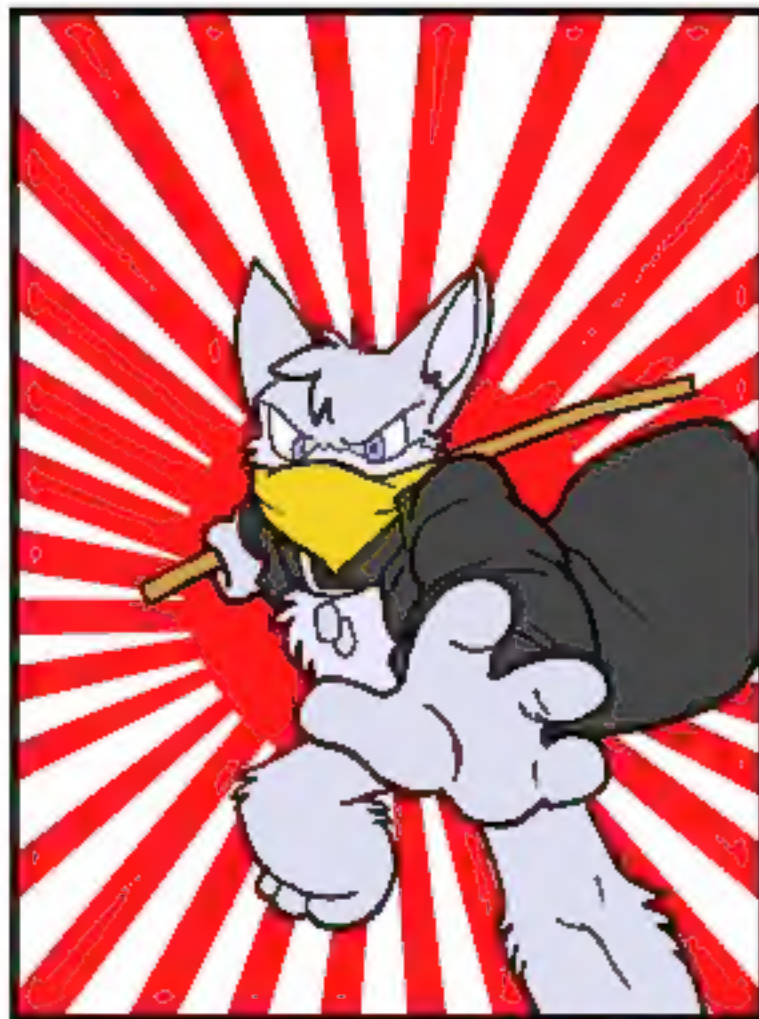
AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA IF THEY'RE PLANNING SOMETHING **SINISTER**

AS FOR ME, I HAVE A JOB TO DO

... FOX, YOUR LIFE IS NOT AN ACTION BLOCKBUSTER

NOT YET IT ISN'T!

BINGO, GO FETCH MY BLACK TRENCHCOAT



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PEANUT!
WHAT DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
DOING?!

JUST TELLING
REG ABOUT THE
TIME THAT--



THIS IS MY AND
REG'S SPECIAL TIME
AND I DON'T NEED
YOU RUINING IT, NOW
GO!

GRAPE COME
ON I WAS REALLY
INTERESTED

SUPLEX



I MEAN I
DIDN'T KNOW YOU
WERE INTERESTED
IN DOGS

I THINK
IT'S KINDA
CUTE



OKAY EITHER
SHE'S CRYING INTO
HER PILLOW OR JUST
SHOVED SOMETHING
HEAVY IN FRONT OF
THE DOOR

WHAT
DID I
EVEN
SAY



I THINK WE CAN
GET TO HER IF WE GO
IN THROUGH THE WINDOW;
SHE USUALLY KEEPS IT
UNLOCKED FOR ...
REASONS

HEY PEANUT,
CAN YOU KEEP
TELLING ME YOUR
STORY?

WELL LONG STORY
SLIGHTLY SHORTER ...

HEY KID! DID
YOU HEAR?

MAYBE?

THAT DOG
WHO WEARS THE
BANDANA? HE DIDN'T
ARRIVE HOME LAST
NIGHT

NO I DIDN'T
HEAR. THAT'S
KINDA AWFUL

WHAT? NO,
THAT'S GREAT NEWS!
HE DESERVED WHAT
WAS COMING TO HIM,
BECAUSE HE WAS A
BULLY AND A
PUNK!

WELL YEAH,
BUT SO ARE
YOU

YES BUT FOR MY
SIDE, WHICH CLEARLY
DESERVES ITS LACK OF
COMEUPPANCE

AHH~ THE
NEIGHBORHOOD IS
ENTERING A NEW
GOLDEN AGE!

NO LONGER WILL I
BE KICKED OFF THE
CATERWAULING FENCE, I
SHALL NOW RULE THIS
CUL-DE-SAC WITH AN
IRON TAIL!



HEY CAT, YOU
A STRAY?

HUH? NO I
GOT AN OWNER, I
JUST DON'T LIKE
COLLARS . . .

SAY, DON'T I
KNOW YOU FROM THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH SIGN?



I GOT
CATNIP IF
YOU WANT

SIR, DESPITE
YOUR APPEARANCE,
I WILL FOLLOW YOU
ANYWHERE



I'M A COMPLETE
SIMPLETON, WHAT'S
YOUR EXCUSE?



WELL THIS IS IT.
WE'RE TRAPPED IN THE
BASEMENT OF A CRAZY
PERSON, WHO WILL
PROBABLY TORTURE
AND KILL US

I DON'T KNOW,
I'M NOT AN EXPERT
ON CRIMINAL
PSYCHOLOGY



BUT BEFORE WE DIE
SLOWLY AND PAINFULLY
OVER THE COURSE OF
SEVERAL DAYS, FOX, I JUST
WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW,
I'VE ALWAYS HATE--



WUMP



GRAPE?!
HOW DID YOU
GET HERE?!

THE
WINDOW?



PLEASE TELL
ME YOU CALLED
THE POLICE

WHAT, AND LOSE
MY ONLY CHANCE? I
WAS CLINGING TO THE
UNDERSIDE OF AN
UNMARKED CAR FOR
TEN MINUTES

I ONLY GOT HERE
FROM THE GARAGE;
THERE'S NO WAY IN OR OUT
THE BACKYARD, WITH ITS
MASSIVE VIEW-BLOCKING
FENCES

THIS IS
SOUNDING BETTER
BY THE SECOND

YES FLUFFY, I
HAVE ALL SORTS OF
NEW TOYS FOR YOU. BUT
NO PEEKING UNTIL YOUR
BIRTHDAY!

AWW!

THIS IS GOING
TO BE TRICKY—
FOX, WHAT'S
WRONG?

I-I CAN'T
DO THIS, I'M
ABSOLUTELY
PETRIFIED

YOU UNGRATEFUL,
STUPID DOG! WE'RE DEAD
EITHER WAY! BUT YOU'VE
NEVER HAD TO FACE LIFE OR
DEATH BECAUSE YOU'RE SO
USED TO YOUR COMFORTABLE
HOME YOU TAKE IT FOR
GRANTED!

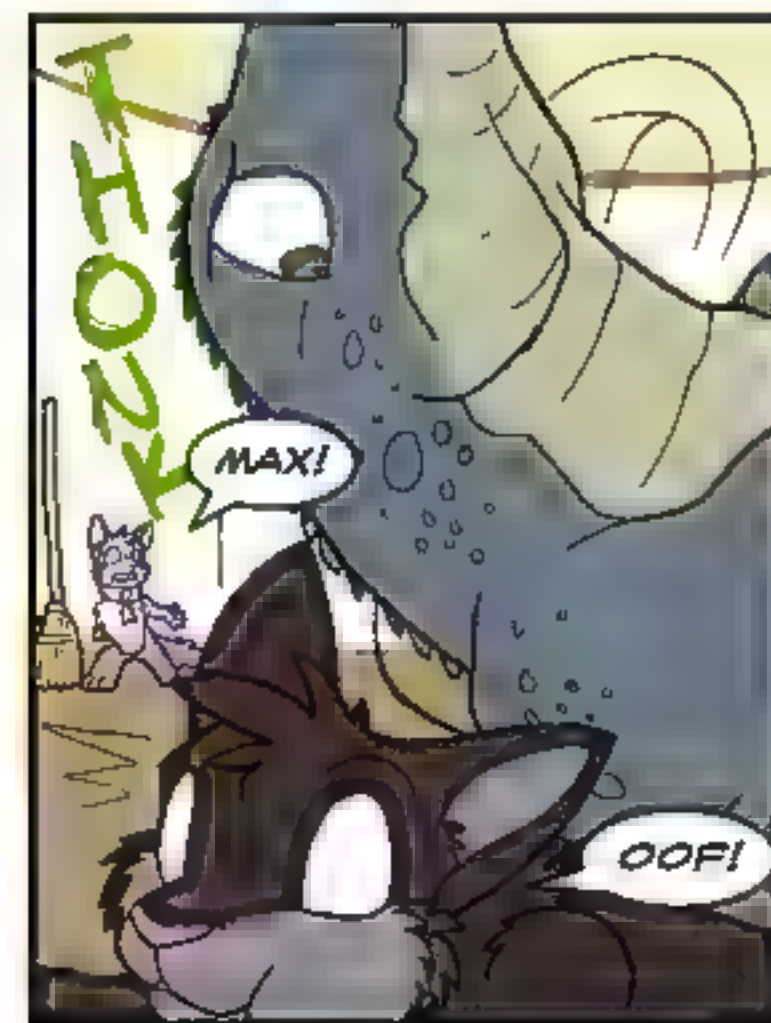
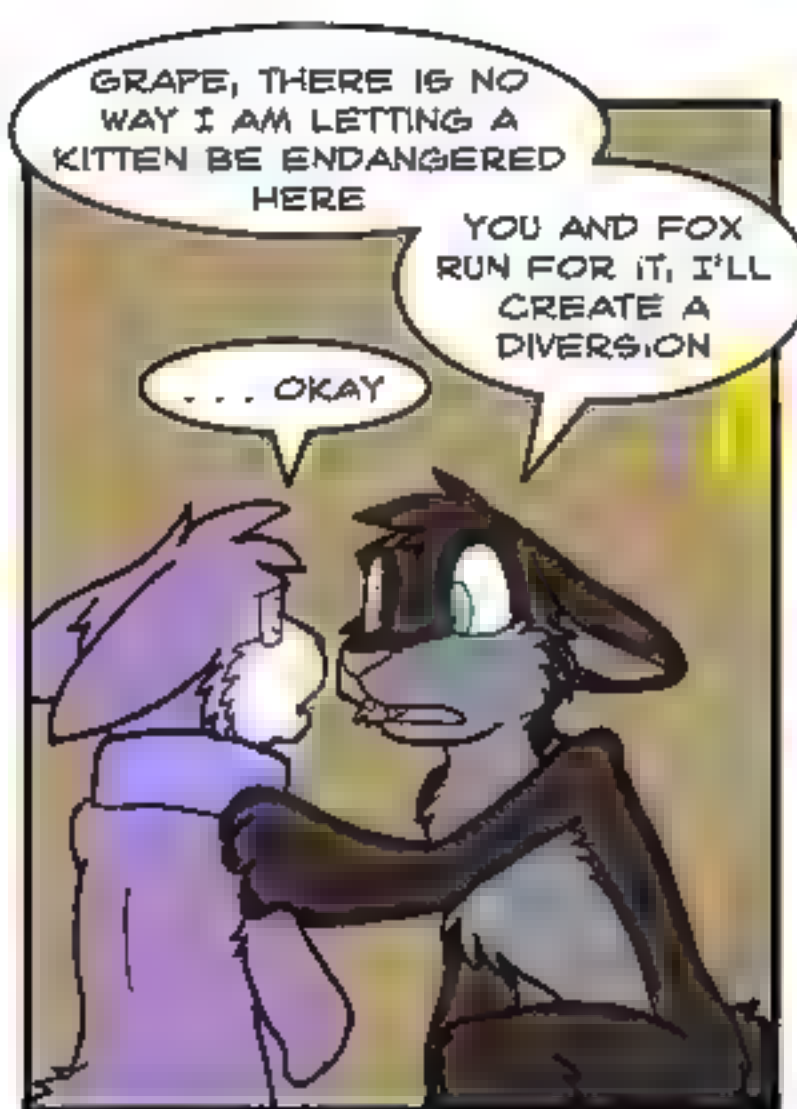
THAT'S WHY THIS
LITTLE KITTEN HAS
MORE GUTS THAN YOU OR
YOUR STUPID BANDIT MASK
EVER HAD. NOW DOG
UP!

UH, MAX? DID
YOU GET A LOOK
AT FLUFFY?

IS IT TOO LATE
FOR ME TO BACK OUT
OF MY REPROOF AND
FORGE A SUICIDE
PACT?

YES

CARP

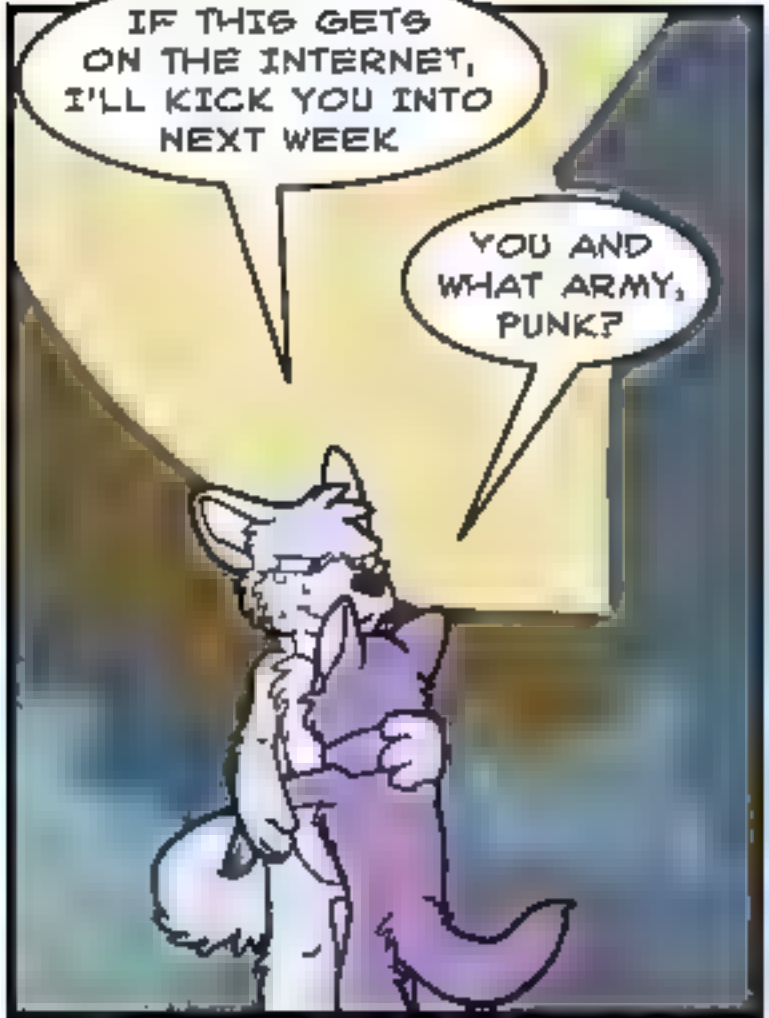


LATER

ROL



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BE MY VALENTINE!



What? Did you think I needed to elaborate or be overly poetic? Writing is not merely the putting of words onto paper. Brevity is better than clever wordplay, because the faster the image is placed in the mind of the reader, the more powerful it is. Cleverness, on the other hand, is often miscast as a writer's strongest trait. Consider if a story is better for a series of

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Let us reflect
on the entirely
platonic
quality of our
friendship



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*... you
want me
to do
what?*



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It's difficult to
find a fresh heart
in the middle of
winter, but I did
it for you!



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OH
DOG . . .

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WHAT'S
WRONG,
MISTRESS?

THE
VALENTINE'S SHOW.
I CAN'T ITERATE
ENOUGH HOW MUCH
LAST YEAR WAS A
DISASTER



EVER SINCE THEY
RULED A **COUPLE** MUST
BE VOTED KING AND QUEEN,
MY RIGHTFUL PLACE HAS
EVADED ME

I NEED A PARTNER WHO
COMPLEMENTS MY REGALITY
WITH **MOUTH-FROTHING**
ADORABILITY

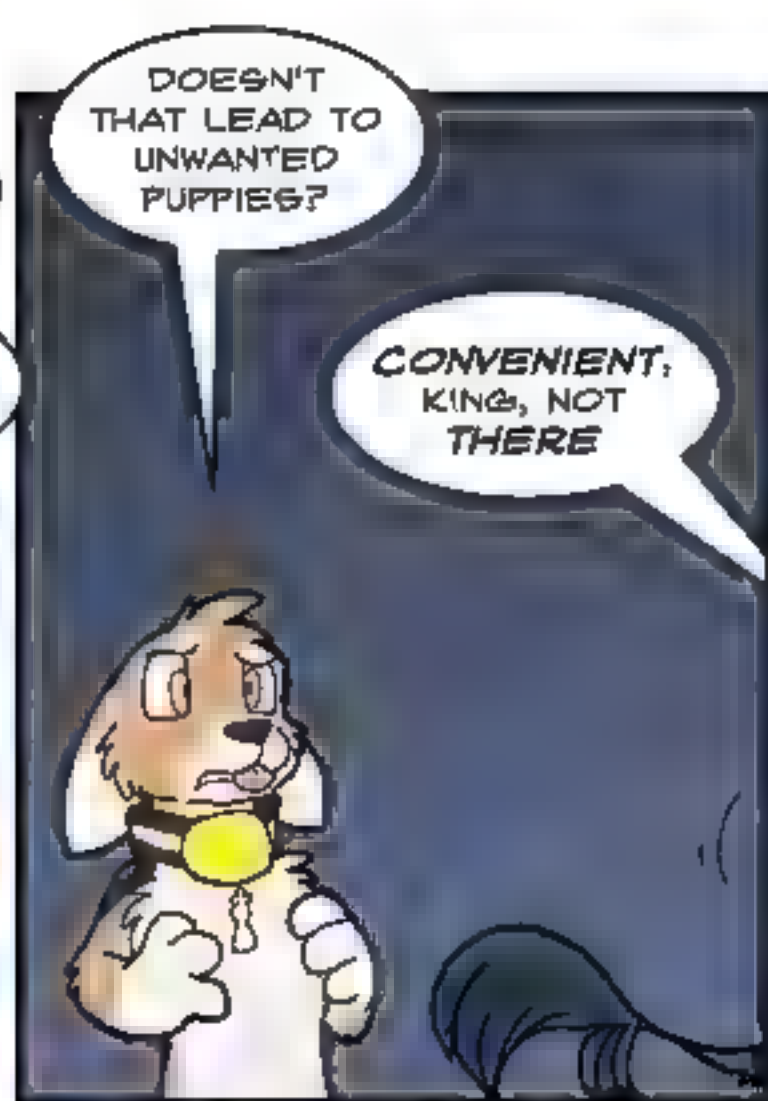


OH,
PUREBRED
PAPERS

FOR A
SECOND I
THOUGHT YOU
WERE ASKING
FOR SOMETHING
ELSE

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HEY BAILEY!
YEAH I KNOW IT'S NOT
FRIDAY, I JUST HAD
SOMETHING KINDA-SORTA
IMPORTANT I WANTED TO
ASK YOU ABOUT BEFORE
I DID ANYTHING



OH
REALLY? ...
UH-HUH ... OF
COURSE I
DON'T MIND!

I TRUST YOU,
ESPECIALLY
IF SHE'S AS
ABRASIVE AS IT
SOUNDS



BUT PLEASE
REMEMBER IT DOESN'T
MATTER TO *ME* IF YOU
HAVE A CELL PHONE OR
NOT. DON'T GO GETTING
INTO TROUBLE ON MY
ACCOUNT



I DON'T
THINK IT'LL BE
THAT MUCH OF
A BURDEN



THERE ARE
THREE THINGS THAT
WIN NOVELTY SHOWS:
REGALITY, CUTENESS,
AND INTELLIGENCE

I LIST
THEM IN THAT
ORDER FOR A
REASON



PHYSICAL PROWESS
IS UNNECESSARY, BUT
HEALTHINESS ITSELF IS
CONSIDERED A REGAL
QUALITY

CONGRUENCY
IN THE COUPLE IS
A MUST



HOWEVER, HUMANS
FIND CERTAIN CONTRASTING
ELEMENTS BETWEEN COUPLES
TO BE ADORABLE. TOO MUCH
REGALITY IS CONSIDERED
STUFFY

DO THEY REALLY
JUDGE SOLELY ON
SUPERFICIAL FEATURES
AND NOT ON, LIKE,
PERSONALITY?



WHAT ABOUT
HONOR? REASON?
COMPASSION?

OH I DON'T
OVERLOOK
THOSE

TO WIN,
YOU MUST
DELIBERATELY
PERVERT
THEM





THIS LOOKS A LOT
MORE LIKE A HIGH
SCHOOL DANCE THAN I
EXPECTED

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
WHAT A--

MOVIES



HELLO, DUCHESS,
GOING STAG? OH WAIT,
I THINK I SEE YOUR
DATE, LET ME GET A
MICROSCOPE

CUTE, COLLEEN.
YOUR WIT WILL KEEP
THE LOSERS' CIRCLE
ENTERTAINED



DARLING, HOW COULD YOU
HONESTLY THINK YOU TWO GO
TOGETHER AS WELL AS KARO AND I?
YOURS LOOKS LIKE A TEDDY BEAR
NEXT TO A SPOILED PUPPY—
IMMATURE AND NAIVE

DON'T YOU THINK
THAT'S **WHY** I PICKED HIM?
HE'S THE PERFECT CHARM
BAIT FOR SHALLOW
JUDGES



I AM STANDING
RIGHT HERE, YOU
KNOW

YEAH

OH YES, KING
HERE IS MY LITTLE
SNUGGLEPUP. WE
ARE TERRIBLY IN
LOVE

HE'S JUST
SO ADORABLE I
COULD NEVER
LET HIM GO

I SEE, AND
WHY DO YOU
TWO BELIEVE
YOU OUGHT TO
BE CROWNED
TODAY?

OH, I DON'T KNOW
IF WE **REALLY** HAVE A
CHANCE, WE'RE JUST
TRYING TO HAVE GOOD
CLEAN, WHOLESOME
FUN!

LOVE
CUTENESS
SPORTSMANSHIP
& GREEN LIVING

ALRIGHT,
THANK YOU!
MOVING ON TO THE
NEXT COUPLE, WE
HAVE . . .

YOU CAN GO DO
WHATEVER NOW, I'M
GOING TO GO FLIRT WITH
KARO, SEE IF I CAN CAUSE
HIM AND COLLEEN TO
GET IN A FIGHT

WOMP

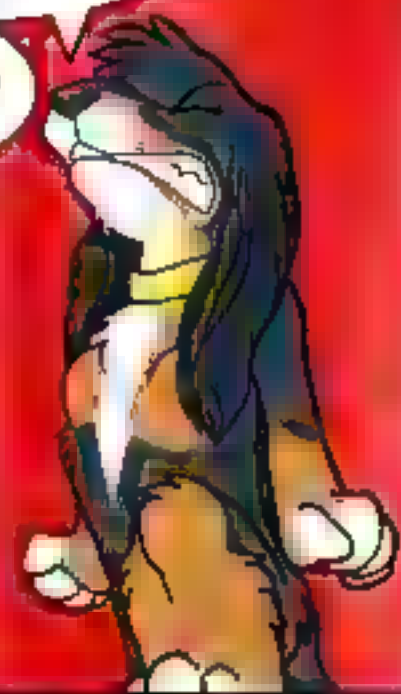
WHAT WAS
ALL THAT ABOUT
SPORTSMANSHIP
THEN?

EH, IT'S A
SEPARATE
TROPHY

AND THE KING AND
QUEEN ARE . . . **KARO
AND COLLEEN!**

**THIRD PLACE?!
AND AFTER ALL THE
UNDERHANDED WORK
I PUT IN?!**

**I'M SO
MAD I COULD
SCREAM!**



COME ON
KING, LET'S . . .
KING?

. . . YEAH, I
GOT THE CELL
PHONE BEFORE THE
SHOW, I WAS GONNA
CALL YOU EARLIER
BUT. . .



NO, WE CAME IN
THIRD. I DON'T EVEN
KNOW HOW WE SCORED
THAT HIGH; WE DIDN'T EVEN
REMOTELY COME OFF
AS A COUPLE

NOW THOSE TWO
COLLIES? **SUPER-**
MEAN SPIRITED, BUT AT
LEAST THEY HAD
CHEMISTRY



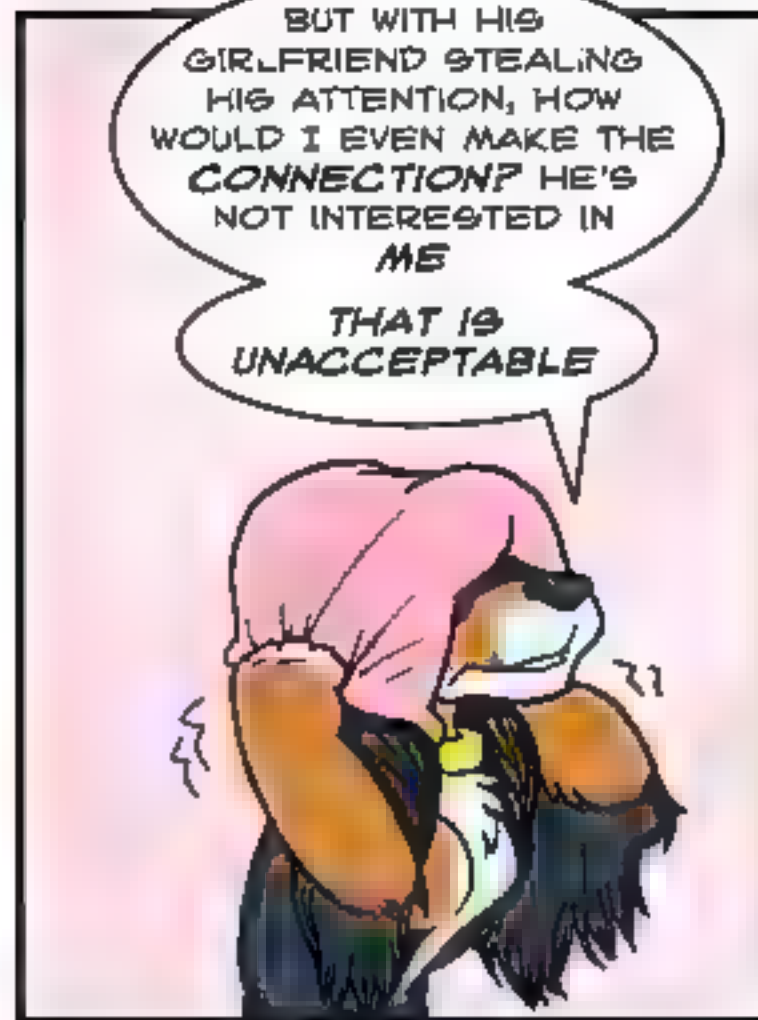
IF **WE** ENTERED
TOGETHER, WE'D SET
THE PLACE ON FIRE . . .
FIGURATIVELY

UNLESS YOU
WANT TO--NO,
OKAY, DEFINITELY
FIGURATIVELY

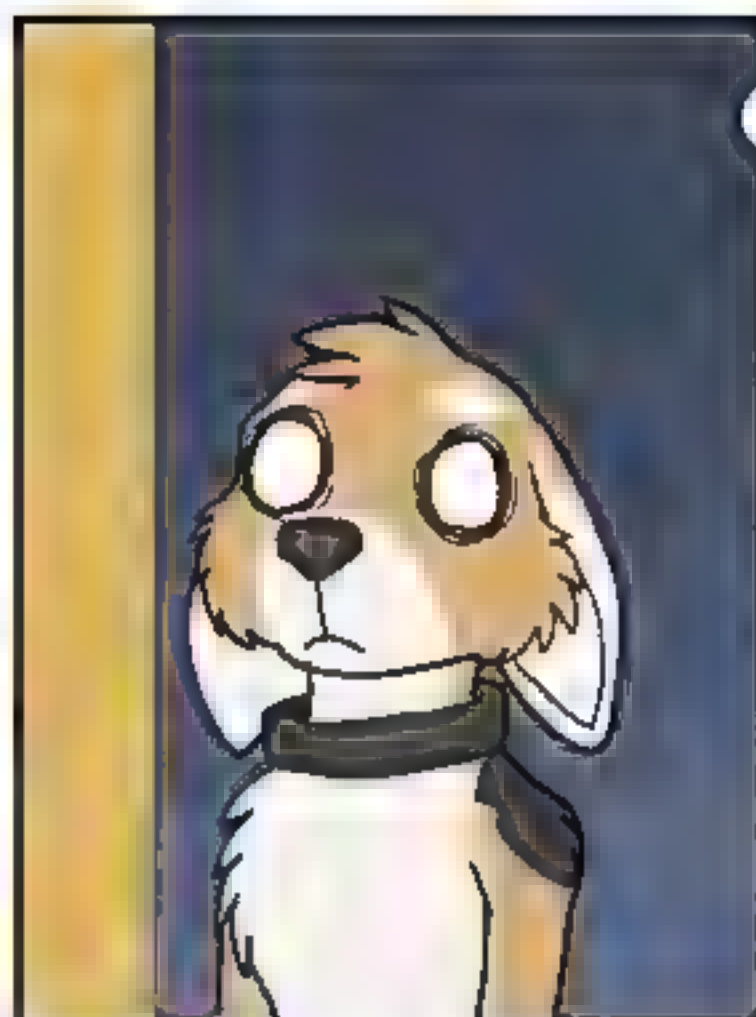
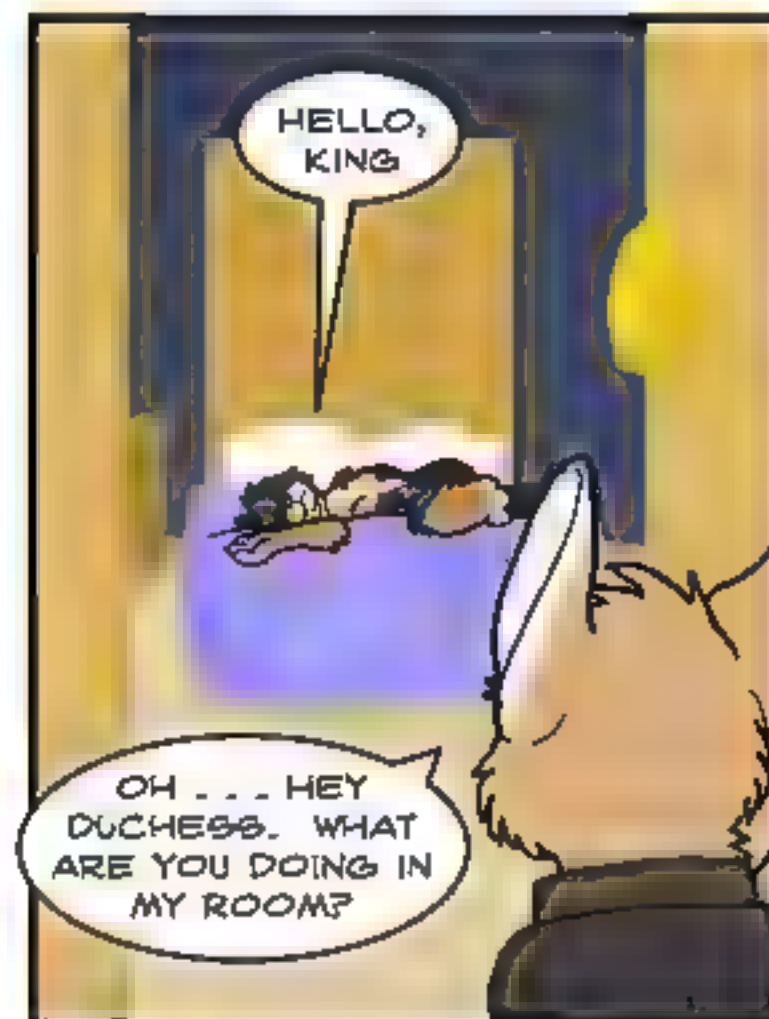
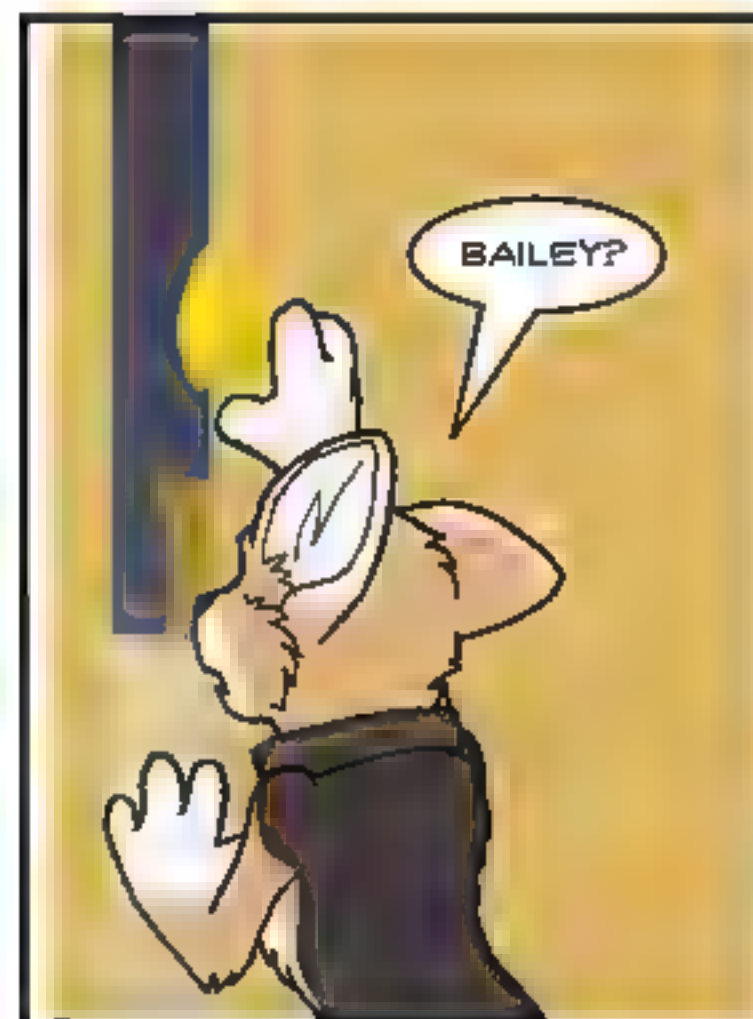
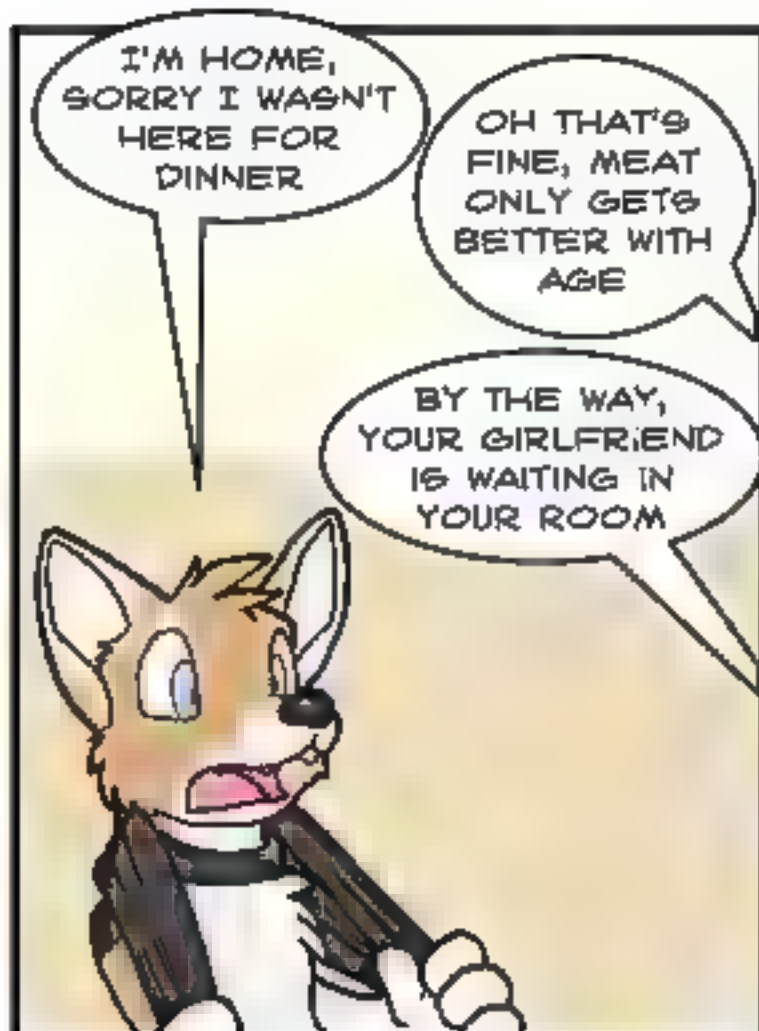


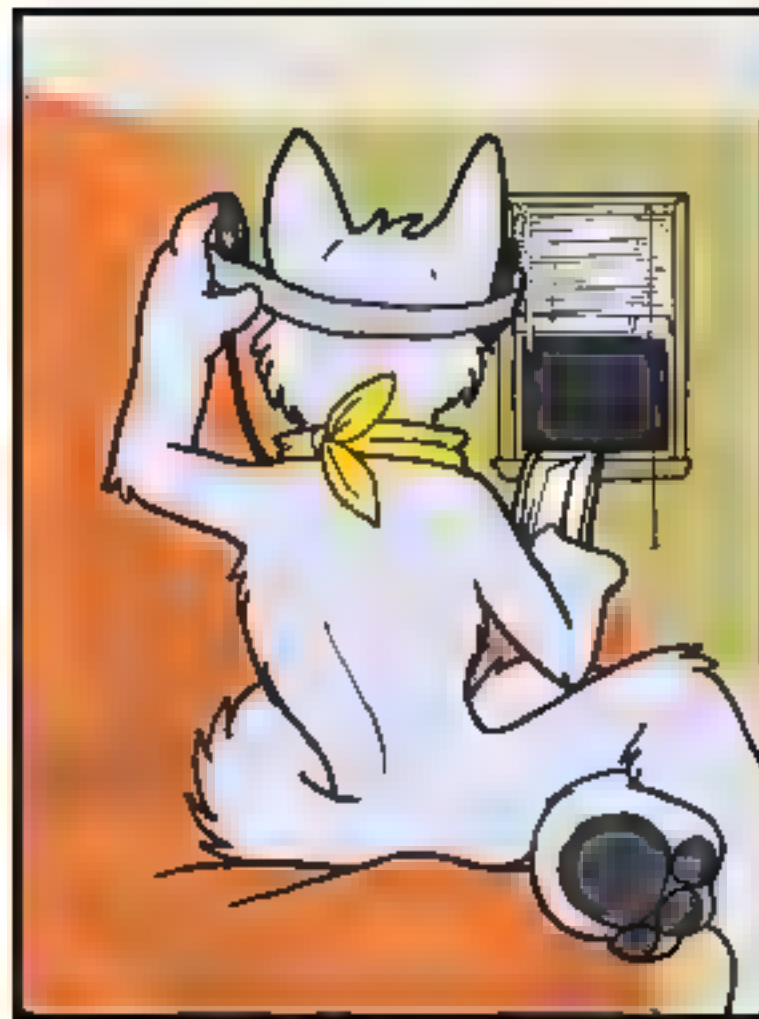


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BEFORE YOU
START THROWING
ROCKS AT THE WINDOW, I
KNEW YOU WERE
COMING

AND IT'S PANE
GLASS SO SHAME
ON YOU

WHATEVER!
I NEED
HELP!

YOU KNOW I
CAN'T INTERFERE

CAN'T INTERFERE
MY BARELY-EXISTENT
TAIL! THIS DOESN'T EVEN
HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH
YOUR DUMB LITTLE
GAME!

HOW DO YOU
KNOW THAT FOR
SURE?

COME ON!
SHE DOESN'T EVEN
KNOW ABOUT THE
WATCH!

UNLESS YOU'RE
TELLING ME THAT
DUCHESS IS LIKE, THE
KITSUNE'S AVATAR OR
SOMETHING

NO, THAT
WOULD BE
DUMB

YOU KNOW
WHAT? MAYBE
GASHA WOULD
BE MORE
HELPFUL

KNOCK KNOCK

OH! WHO IS
"THERE"?

WHO IS
AARON
BURR

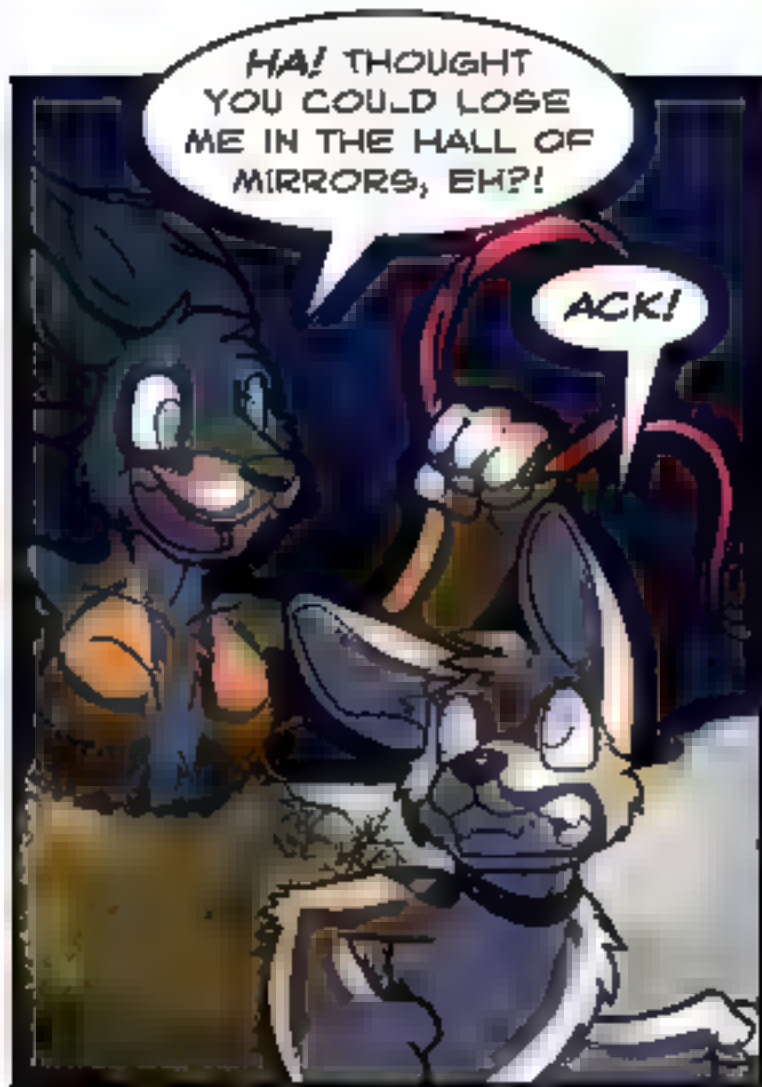
THAT'S
CORRECT!

AH,
CLOSE
ENOUGH

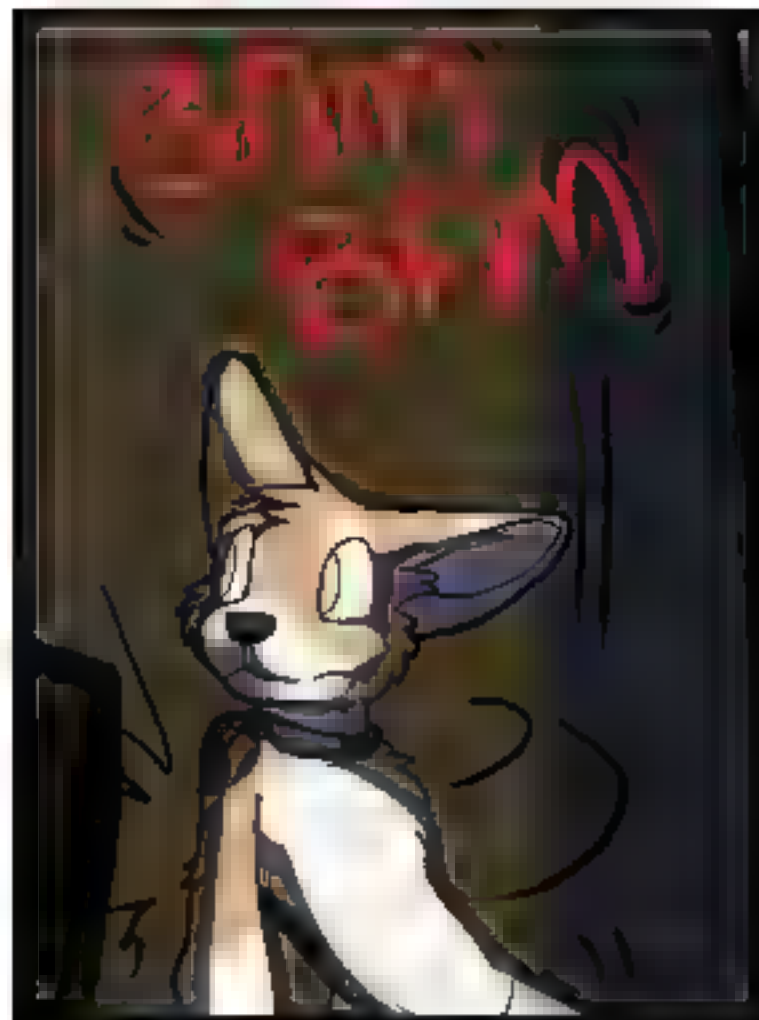
AGH! SHE'S
NOT ANSWERING
EITHER!

WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO
DO!? I'LL TAKE
HELP FROM
**ABSOLUTELY
ANYONE!**





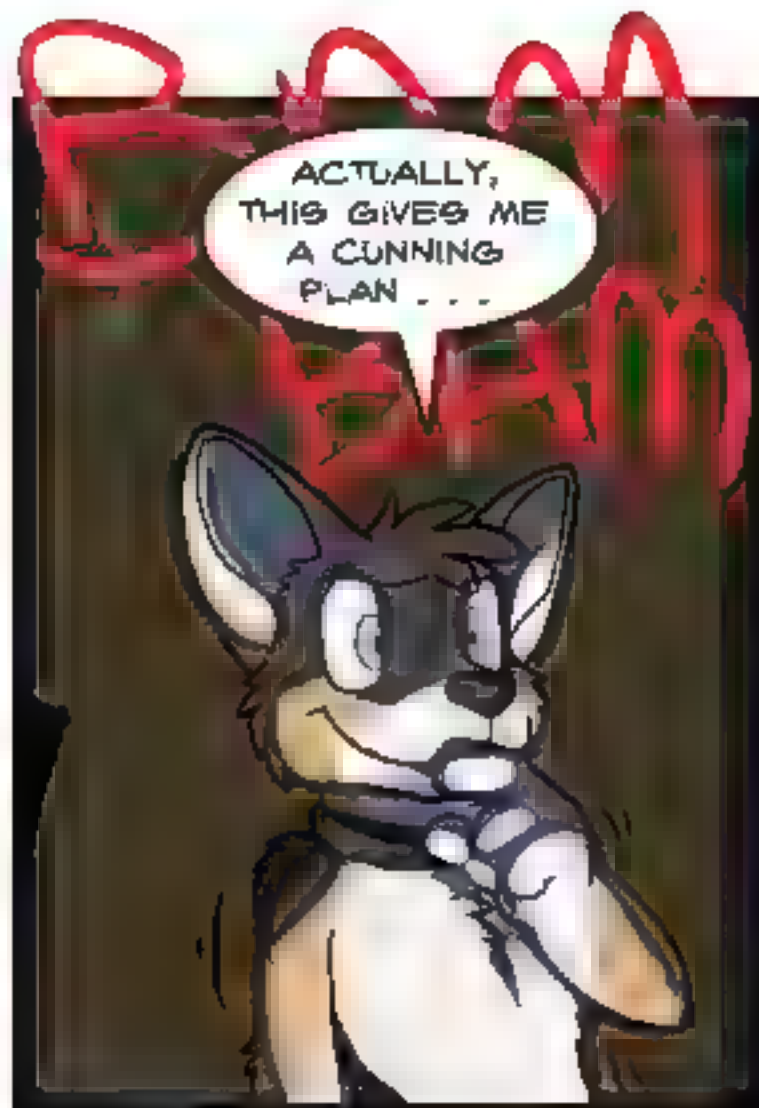
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HEY! YOU
PAYING RENT
OR WHAT? GET
OUT OF THE
SHED!

UGH ...
WHAT EVEN
HAPPENED LAST
NIGHT?



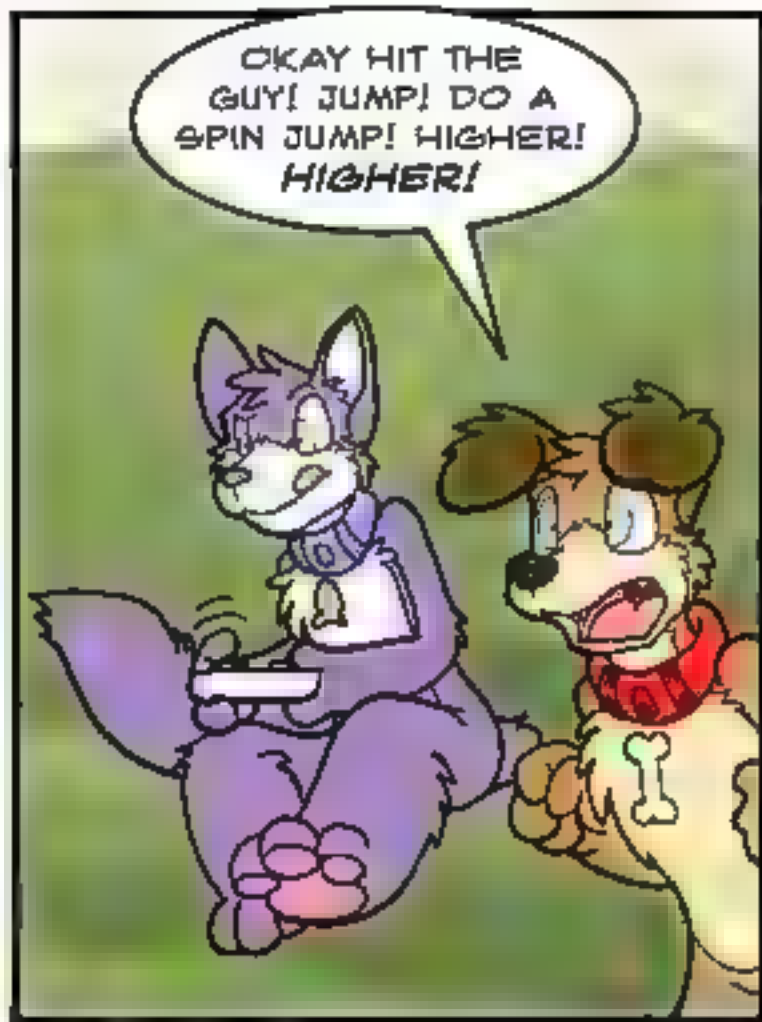
I'LL MOVE
AS FAST AS I
WANT, YOU
STUPID TWIT

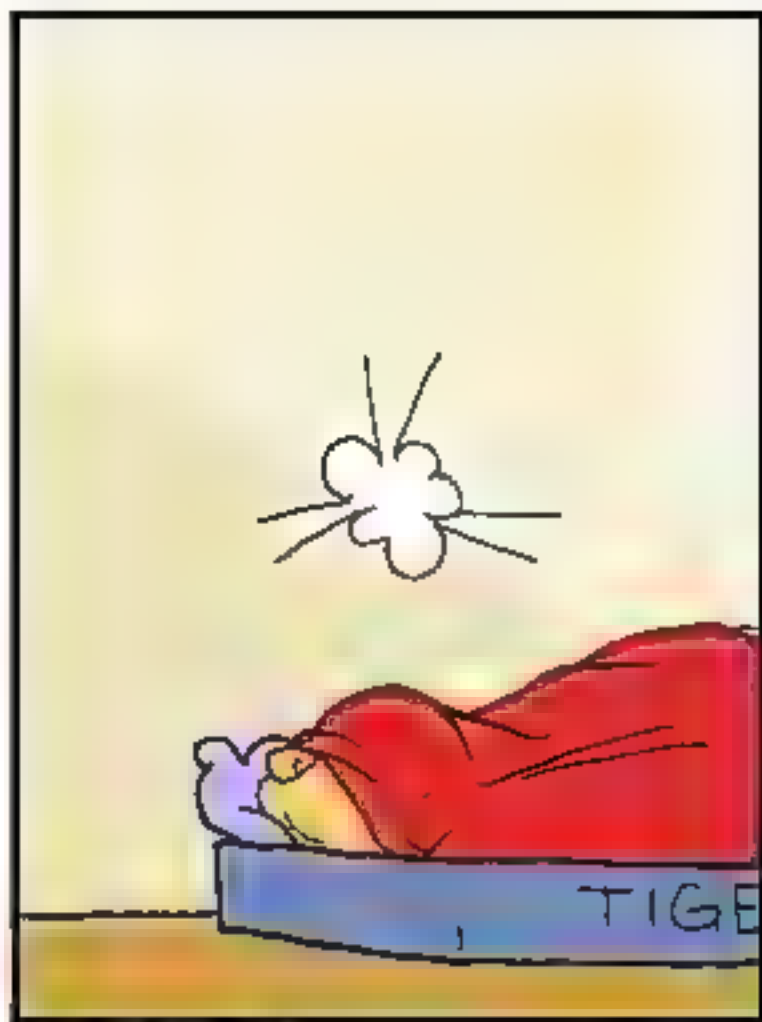
GO
SHOVE YOUR
HEAD IN A
FURNACE

I DON'T CARE! I
MARKED THIS ZONE
SO GET OUT!

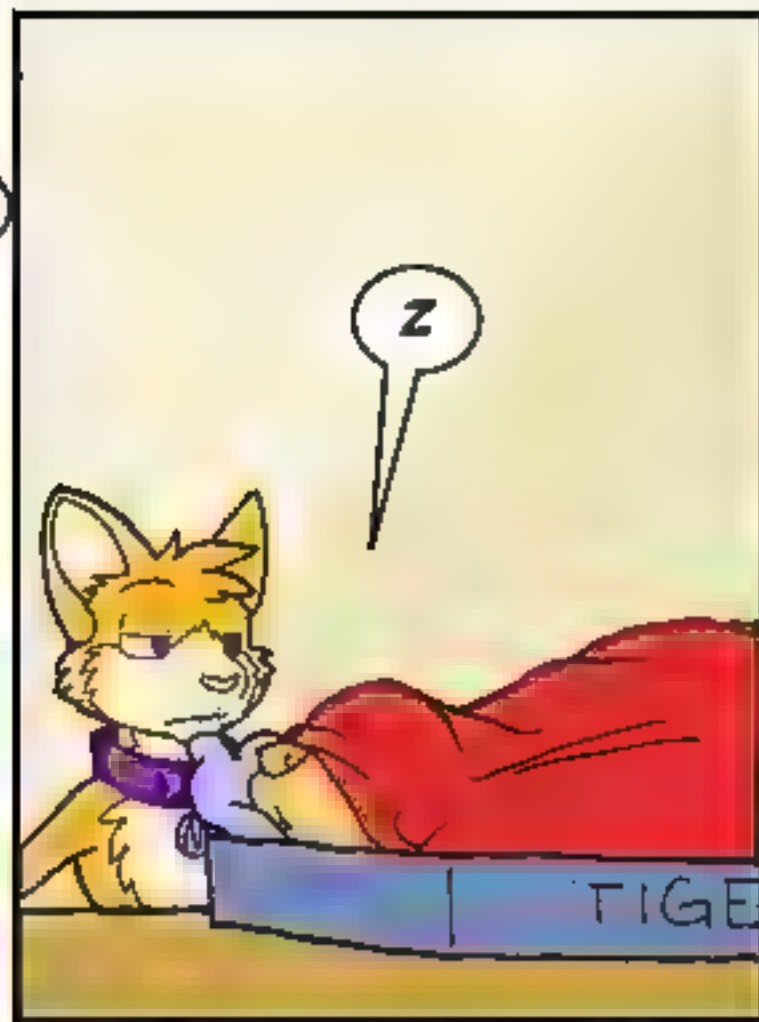
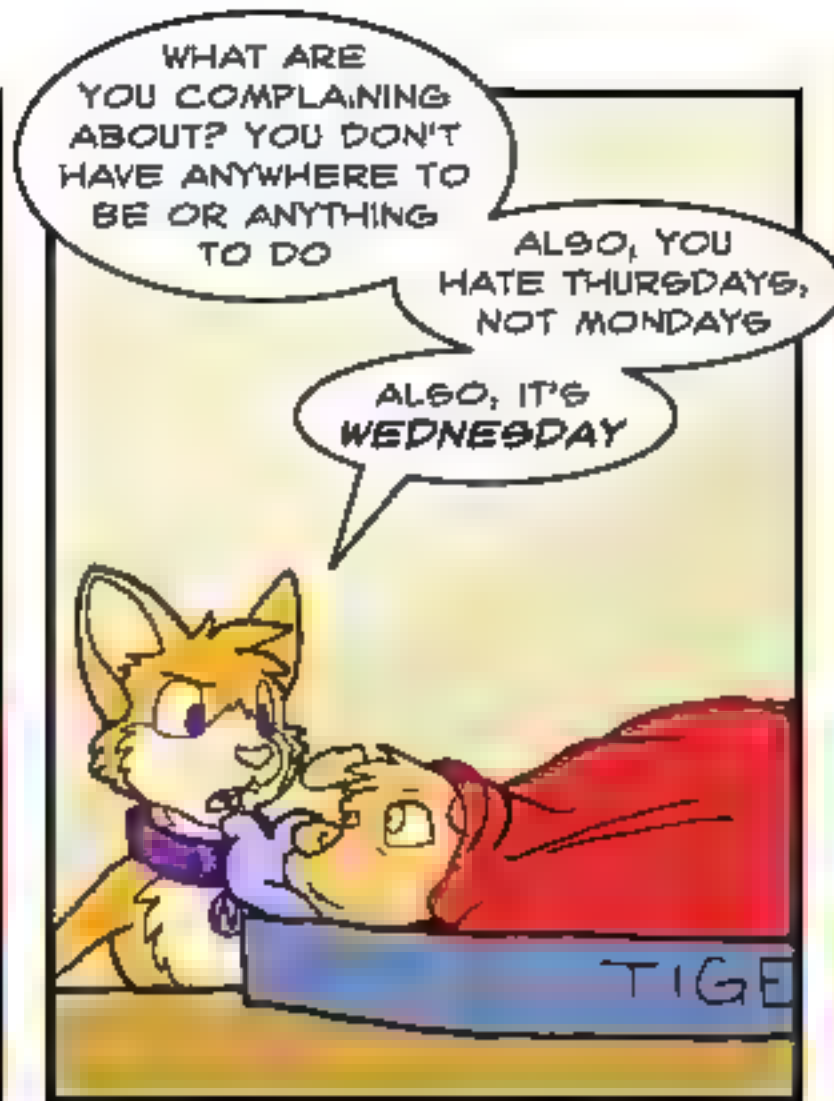


... I THINK
I'M IN LOVE





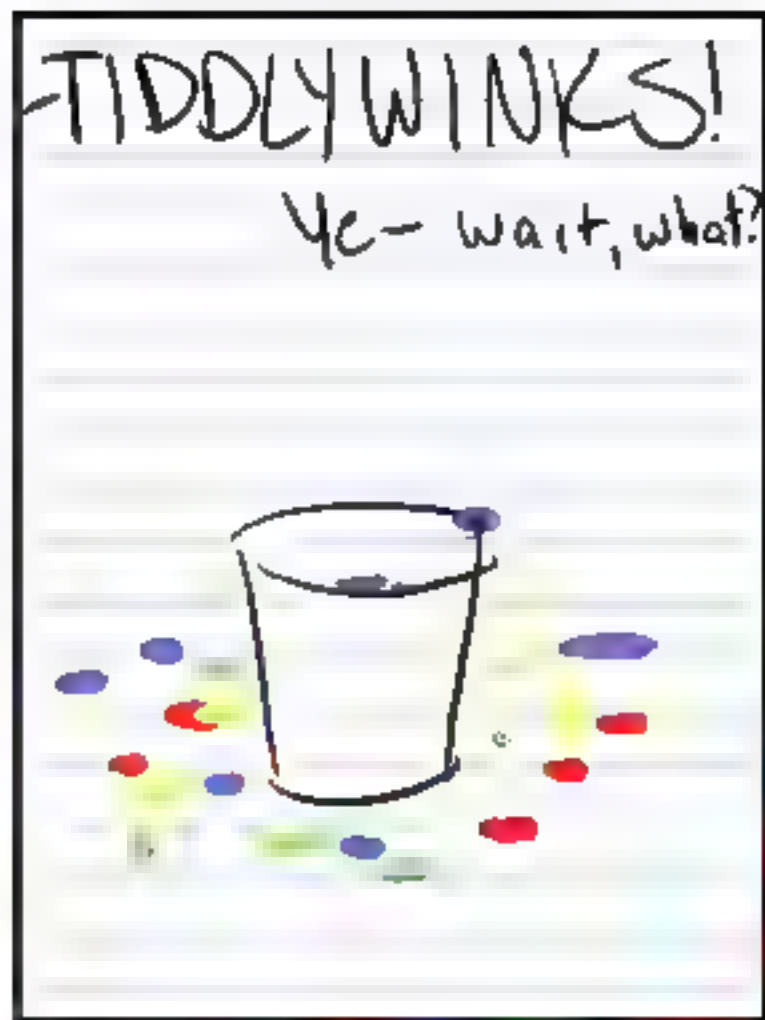
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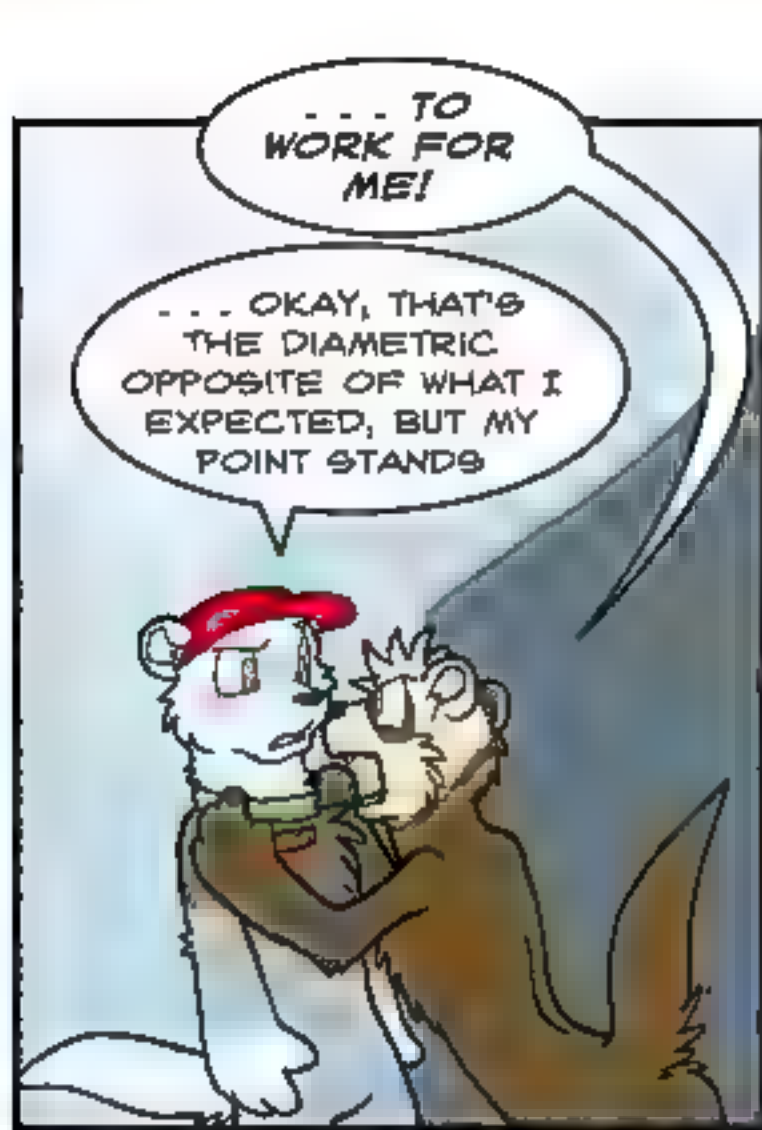


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THERE
YOU ARE,
STEWARD!

KEENE! I
... THOUGHT
YOU WERE IN
FLORIDA?

I HAD A LITTLE
DETOUR! FORTUNATELY
SOMEONE NOTICED THAT
I WASN'T WHERE I WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE, AND
BROUGHT ME
BACK!

THE QUESTION
IS, MR. STEWARD,
WHY WAS THAT
PERSON NOT YOU,
FOUR MONTHS
AGO?

THIS SMILE
IS COMPLETELY
ARTIFICIAL, BY
THE WAY

I GOT
THAT



DAD WAS OBSESSED
WITH HUMAN-ANIMAL
RECONCILIATION. NOT IN A
VAGUE SPIRITUAL WAY, BUT IN
A TANGIBLE WAY

HE PICKED UP
AN OLD LEGEND
FROM MESOPOTAMIA
OR SOMESUCH--I STILL
DON'T KNOW MUCH
ABOUT IT

BUT I'VE BEEN
READING HIS NOTES.
IT'S BEEN TEARING ME UP
DAY AND NIGHT, AND I
DECIDED IN MY EXILE THAT I
HAD TO GO THROUGH WITH
IT BEFORE IT WAS TOO
LATE FOR ME

IT'S BEEN
LANGUISHING BECAUSE
HE DIDN'T TRUST THIS
WORK TO HUMANS

AND YOU'RE
TRUSTING ME?
WHY?

BECAUSE
NATURE HAS NOT
BURDENED YOU WITH A
SENSE OF SELF-
PRESERVATION

I GET
THAT A
LOT

TO BE CONTINUED!

YOU HAVEN'T
BEEN VERY **FAIR**
DURING THIS
CAMPAIGN

WHY NOT?
THE PARTY IS
STILL **ALIVE**.
MOSTLY

THE **DMG** SAYS TO
AVERAGE **FOUR ENCOUNTERS**
PER DAY AND WE'VE BEEN NEAR
SEVEN! HOW CAN I BE ALL-
POWERFUL IF I KEEP RUNNING
OUT OF SPELLS?

YOU MEAN THE
WIZARD HAS A
WEAKNESS? WHAT
A SURPRISE

RUNNING US RAGGED
ISN'T A "WEAKNESS", IT'S
UNFAIR!

SO IT'S UNFAIR
UNLESS EVERYTHING
HAPPENS EXACTLY AS
YOU WANT IT TO
HAPPEN AND THEN
YOU WIN?

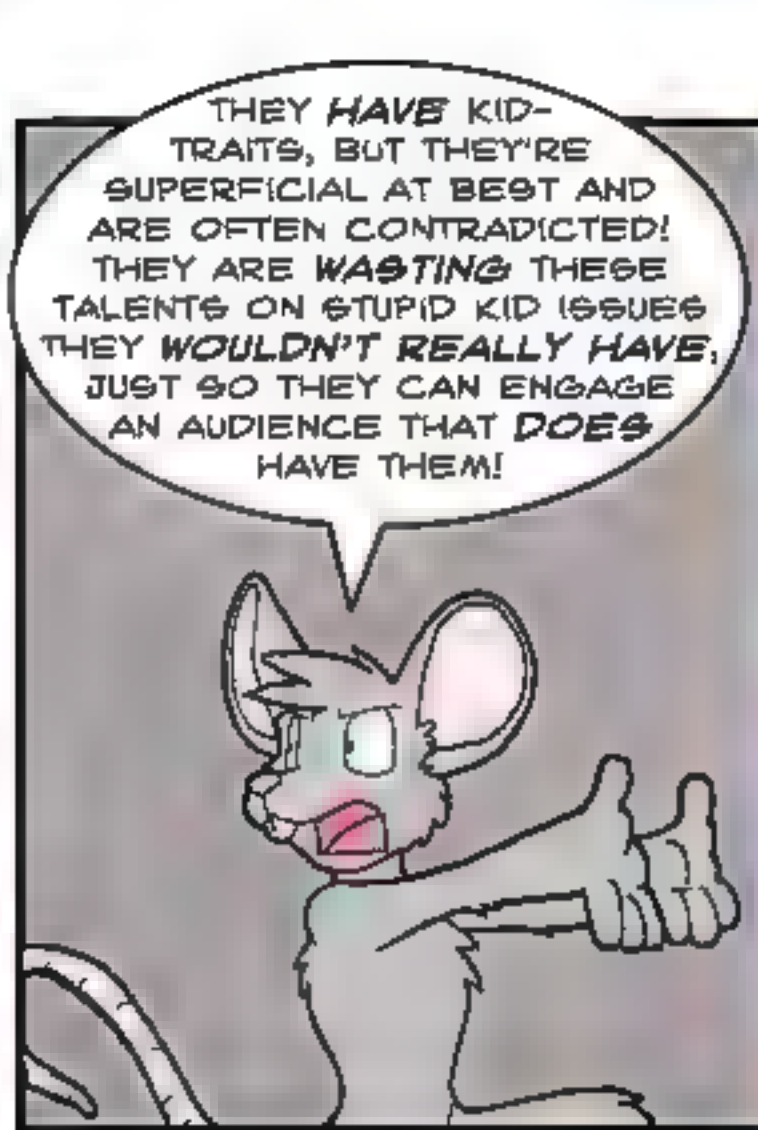
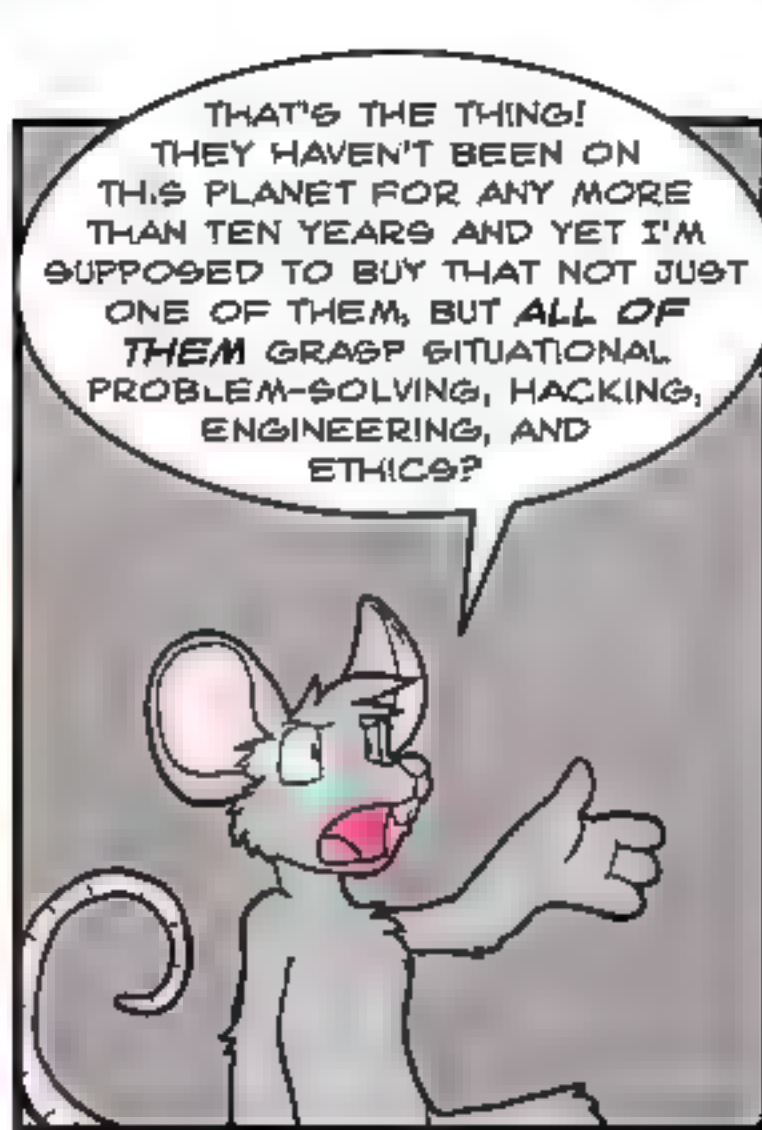
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EXACTLY!

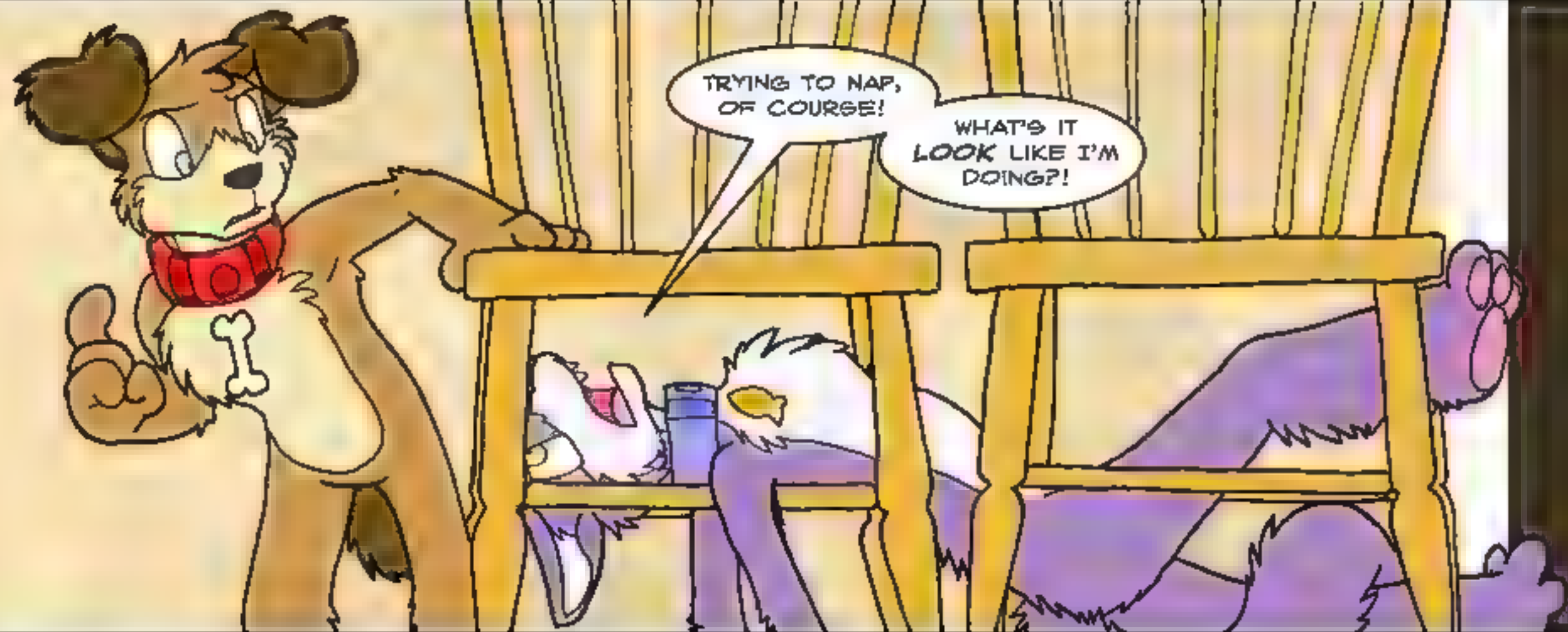
THIRTY MINUTES LATER

ALL THE ENEMIES
STAND IN A CIRCLE THE
PRECISE WIDTH OF THE
POISON CLOUD SPELL AND
TAUNT YOU BY INHALING
DEEPLY

THIS IS
BORING

YOU CAN DO
IT, CHAMP!





PEANUT! GRAPE!
DO YOU WANT TO GO
TO THE MALL?

I'LL GO IF
GRAPE IS
GOING!



WHY DO YOUR
PLANS HINGE ON
ME?

CAUSE I LIKE
HANGING OUT
WITH YOU?



BUT WHAT DO YOU DO AT
THE MALL? IT'S CLOTHES WE DON'T
WEAR, TOYS WE CAN'T HAVE AND
FOOD WE CAN'T EAT

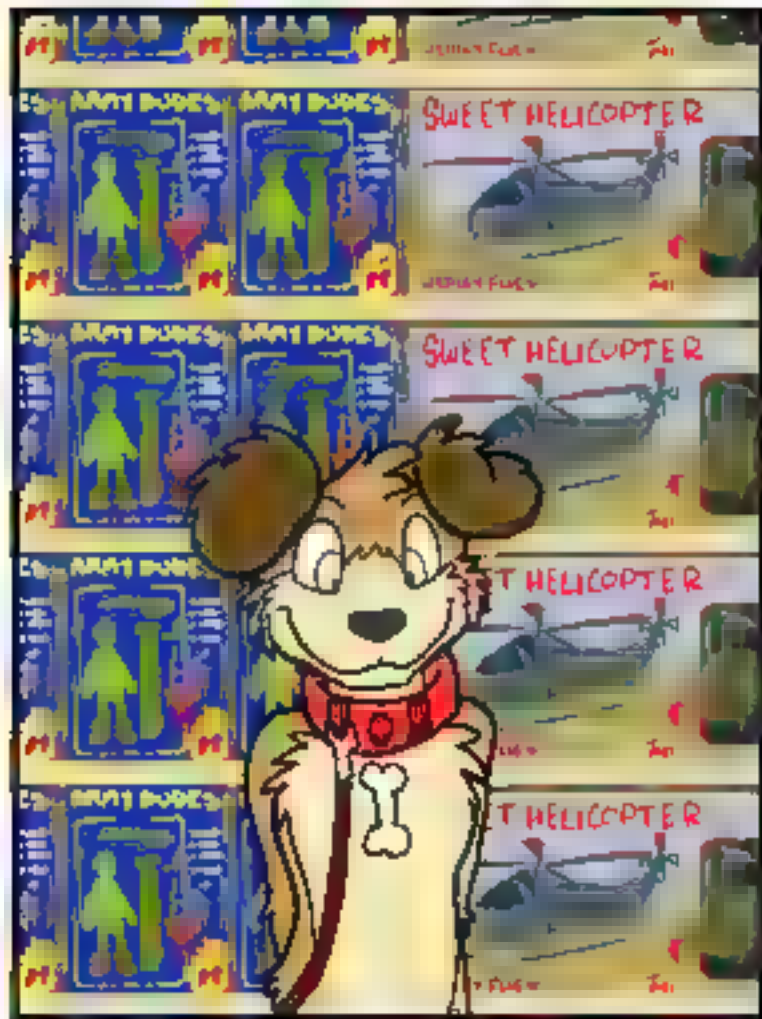
I WAS ACTUALLY
THINKING OF WAITING
AROUND FOR THE
MIDNIGHT RELEASE
OF PRIDELANDS
2



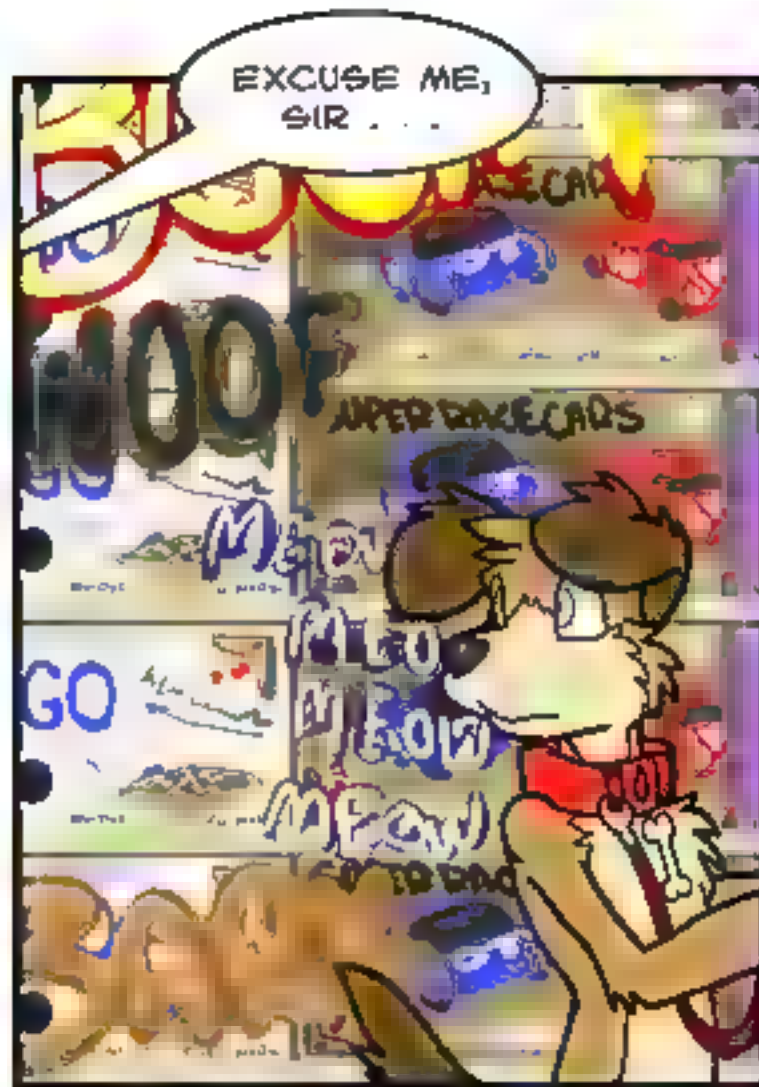
IT WOULD HAVE
MADE MORE SENSE TO
DRIVE OVER WITH MAX, BUT
I APPARENTLY BLACKED
OUT THERE

SEE YOU IN
SEVEN HOURS,
MOM!





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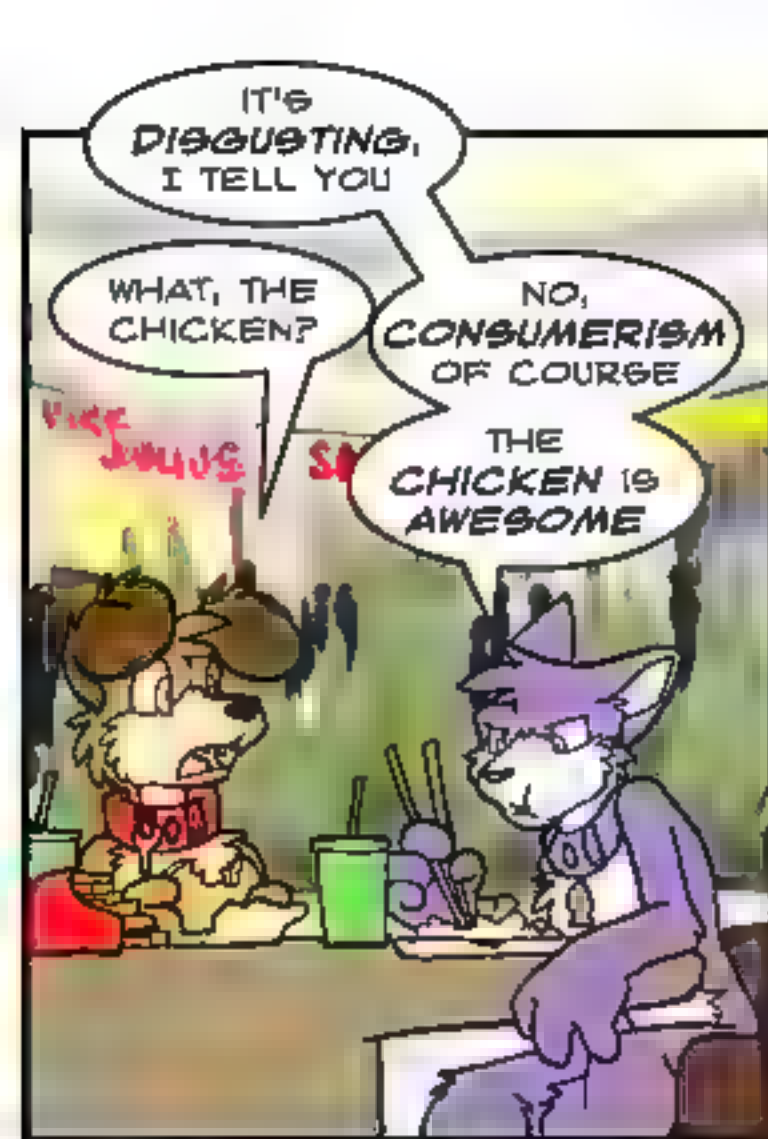




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"LET'S GO TO
THE PRIDELANDS
2 PREMIERE,"
YOU SAID

"IT'LL BE A
HOOT," YOU
SAID

AREN'T YOU
THE ONE WITH THE
ALLERGIES?

APPARENTLY,
CAT GROUPIES ARE
FUNNIER WHEN THEY'RE
IN CAPTIONED PHOTOS
ON THE INTERNET

FORGET TO
BRING AWAY YOUR
RASH

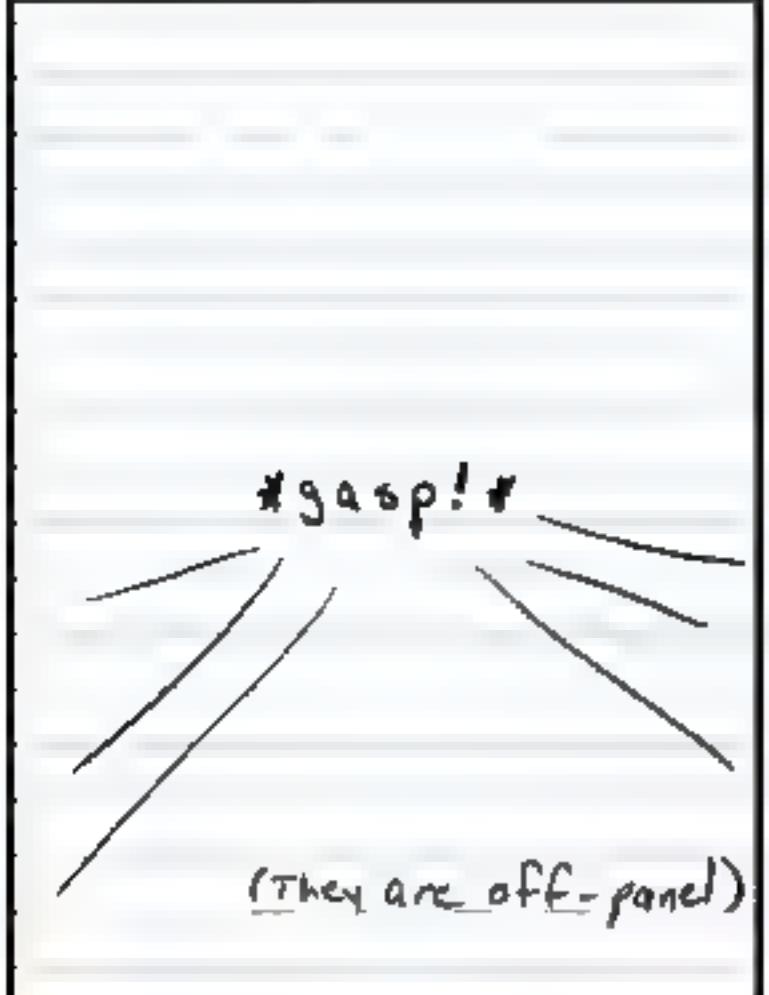
THE ADVENTURES OF SPOT (superdog) pbs THE MOVIE



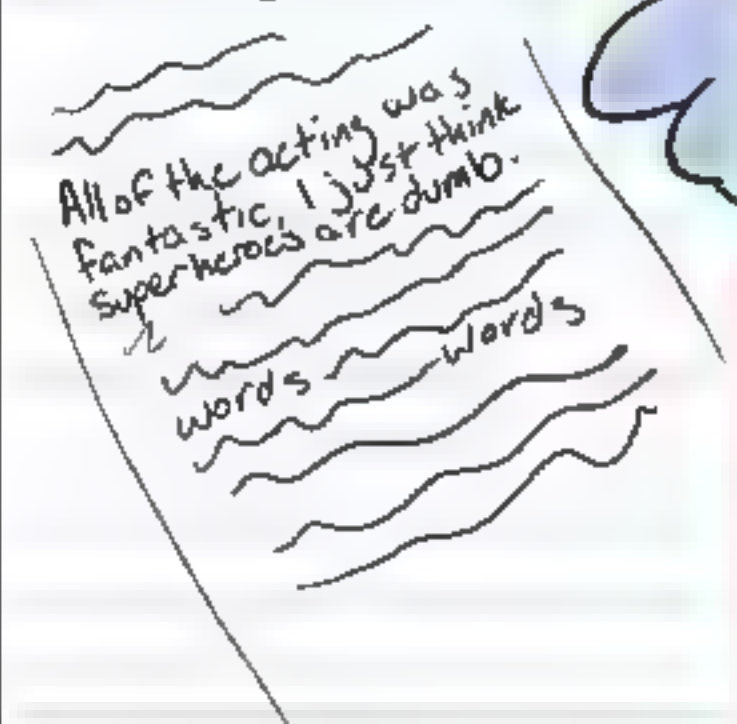
Gentlemen, our movie has received high praise! The Bland Tomatoes score is at a 99%!



Yes, it appears someone has written a **NEGATIVE REVIEW!**



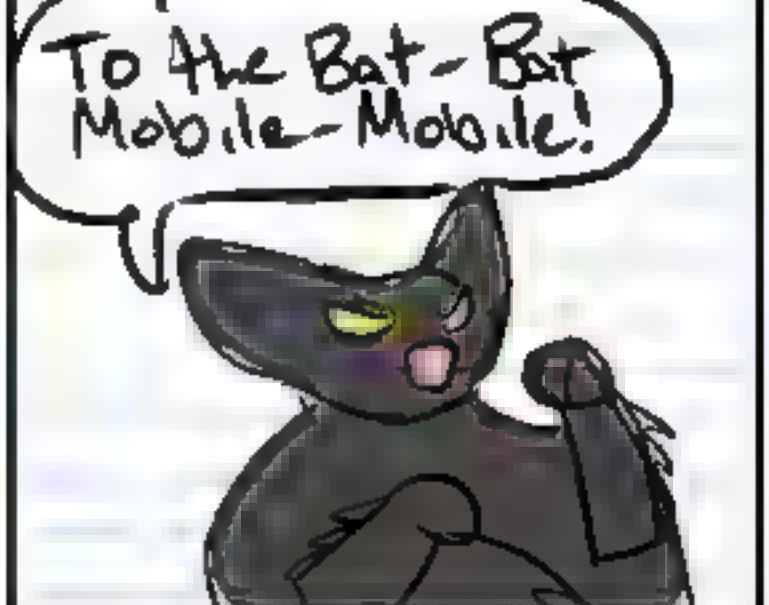
Clearly this man is of the most fiendish caliber, just look at what he wrote!



He think we dumb?! That not valid criticism! He dumb!



I for one cannot abide this libel! In order to restore the honor of our movie, we must squelch the dissenting opinion!



Now think about it guys, are we All going to fit in there?



MEANWHILE —

Muuhahaha! It is I, the Critic, and by giving a poor review to a critically acclaimed movie, I will draw all that sweet, sweet attention to me! M-mmm!



Yeah that's totally what it looks like



Our heroes convene on the critic's house

Okay buster, time to pay for your crime, which doesn't pay!



What's your deal! I can have an opinion!



Wait, did you just bring a half a dozen superheroes to my door and threaten to beat me up for what I said?

Well yeah

Okay, I surrender

I guess I'll have to give up my job and let my kids starve



Oh come on, don't make us the bad guys here! Just remove your bias from your critical review! Can you do that?

Well I guess — There was ONE superhero movie I liked



Now we're getting somewhere! What was it?

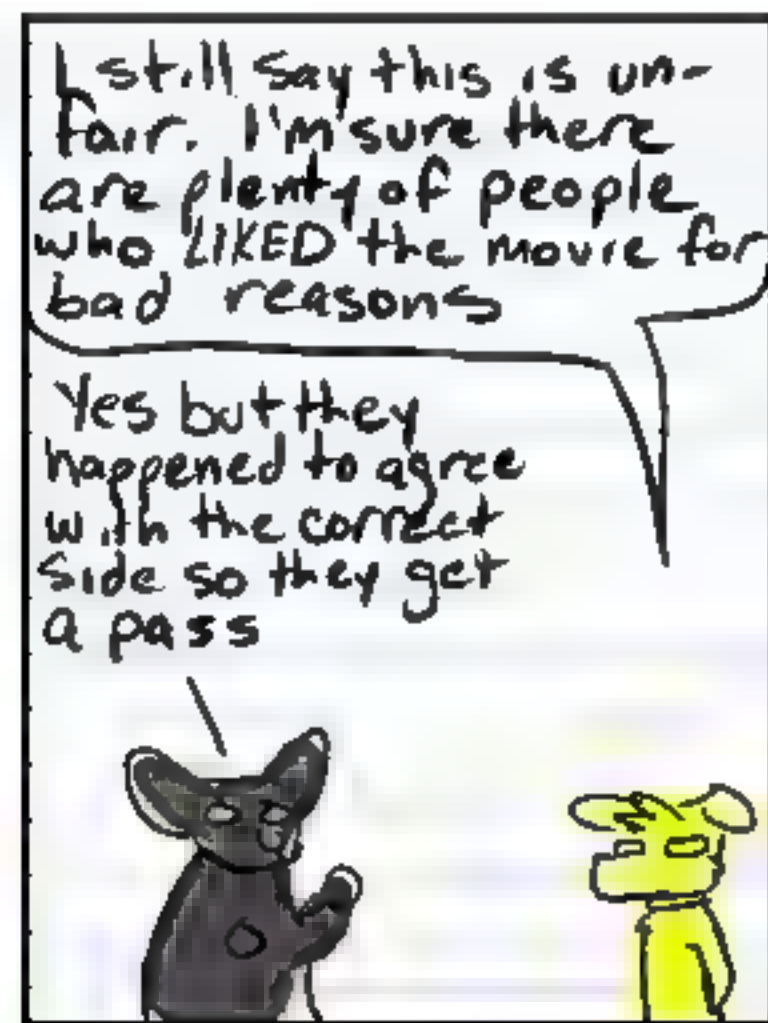
"The Green Lamp"

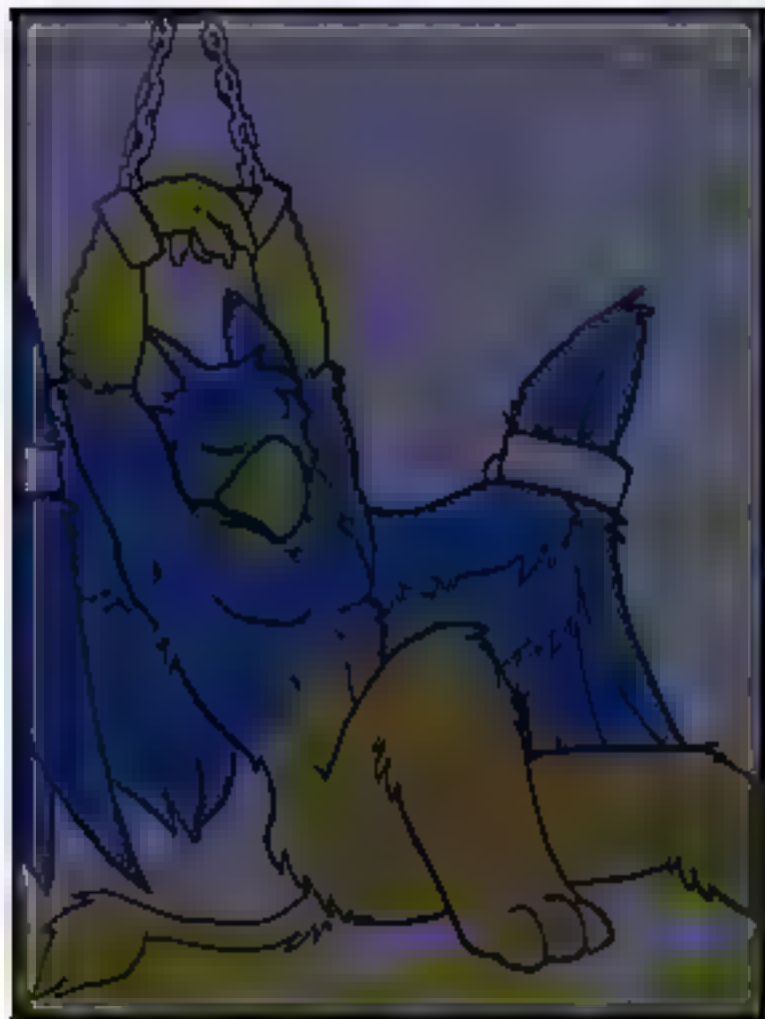


KRUNLK QUASH!



BUT IT HAS A FORCED ROMANCE BETWEEN BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE!



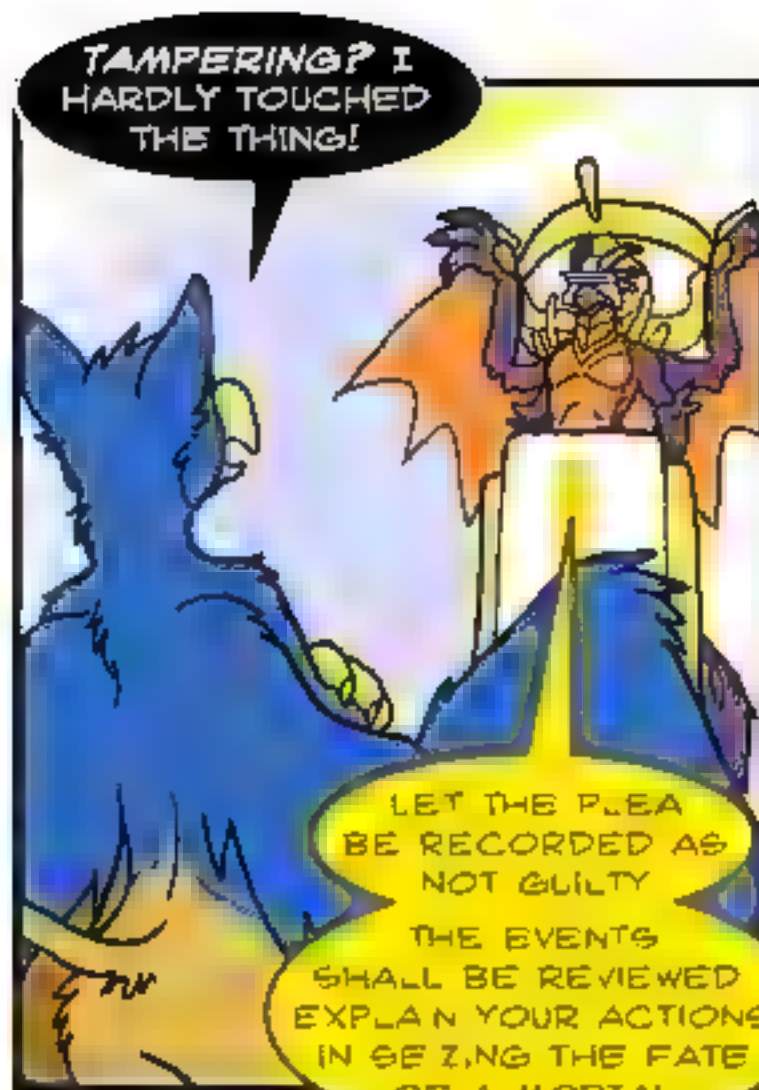


SO WHY'D YOU
CHAIN YOURSELF
TO THE WALL?

'CAUSE
HEAVEN HAS NO
STYLE WHEN IT
COMES TO
DUNGEONS

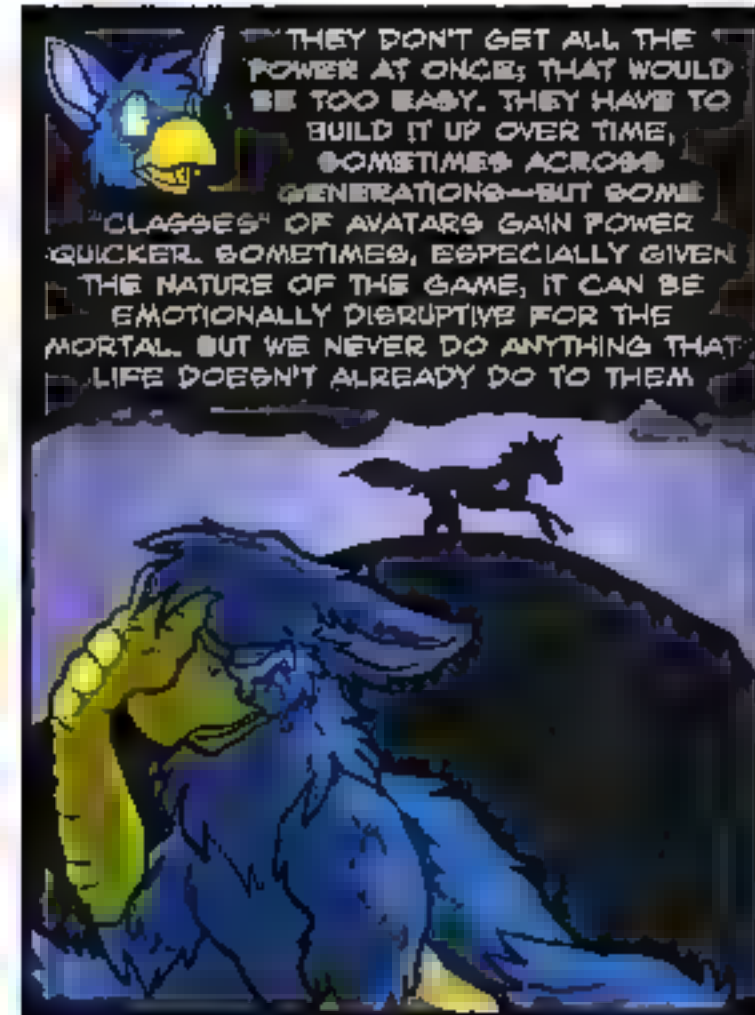
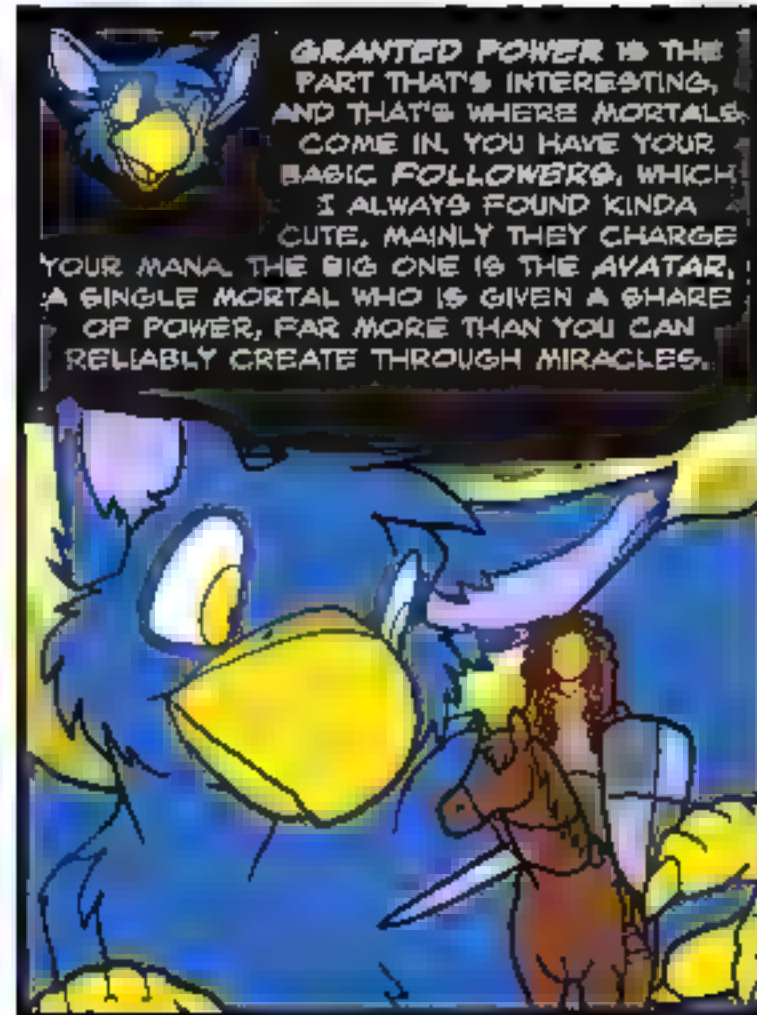


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I TOOK A LITTLE
MORE TIME AT THE
BEGINNING OF THE
DUEL, SO I COULD
SPAWN MY BASIC
TEMPLE WITH AN
EXTRA LARGE MANA
POOL

KOOOOM



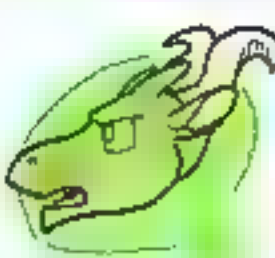
HAH! YOU KNOW
WHAT YOUR PROBLEM
IS, DRAGON? YOU
DON'T KNOW HOW TO
SACRIFICE EARLY
LEADS FOR--



CURSE
OF THE
MYSTERIOUS
TEMPLE



THAT
IS SO
CHEAP!



OH I'M SORRY,
I DIDN'T REALIZE
WE WERE PLAYING
PATTY CAKE

I SHOULD MAKE
UP FOR IT WITH
COOKIES AND MILK
BEFORE YOU GO
NAPPIES

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UNTIL A FOLLOWER
WENT INSIDE MY TEMPLE AND
ACTIVATED THE MANA POOL, THE
CURSE LIMITED MY PERSONAL
POWER TO CREATING
DREAMS

THIS WOULDN'T HAVE
BEEN A PROBLEM, HAD
I ANY FOLLOWERS

AND HAD I NOT
FLUNKED MY TEMPLE
IN THE MIDDLE OF A
DESERT FOR THE
BONUSES

SO YEAH,
SCREWED
MYSELF
THERE

NO FOLLOWERS MEANT NO
AVATAR. NO AVATAR MEANT THE
DUEL REMAINED A STALEMATE
UNTIL I GOT ONE.
MEANWHILE, DRAGON WAS
RAISING HER AVATARS TO
MAXIMUM POWER. SHE EXPECTED
ME TO CAPITULATE, BUT I WASN'T
GOING TO GIVE UP. THERE ARE
OTHER WAYS TO POWER UP AN
AVATAR... BUT HONESTLY, I
WAS BECOMING DESPERATE

THE PLEAS I MADE
BECAME A LITTLE SILLY...
I'D SORTA PROMISED THE
EQUIVOCATION OF HUMAN
AND ANIMALKIND
YOU KNOW, THE
KIND YOU MAKE WHEN
YOU GET PLAGSTERED
AND START A CULT
FOR KICKS

I AM WELL
AWARE OF THE
KIND

THIS ONE HUMAN MORTAL TOOK
ME SERIOUSLY AND HAD THE
WHEREWITHAL TO UPROOT MY
TEMPLE AND PLOP IT DOWN IN THE
MIDDLE OF A DECENTLY-SIZED
CITY WITH A DENSE FOREST (LIKE
I WANTED). I HAD NO TROUBLE
GAINING FOLLOWERS AT THAT
POINT, BUT IT HAD GIVEN DRAGON
A FIVE THOUSAND YEAR
HEADSTART

IN ORDER TO HAVE A RUNNING
CHANCE I WOULD NEED TO
SELECT A CLASS OF AVATAR
THAT HAD AN ADVANTAGE OVER
DRAGON'S SOVEREIGN
SPIRITIST. I'D ORIGINALLY
CHOSEN FOR THIS TASK A
CLASS CALLED THE DREAM
SUNDERER

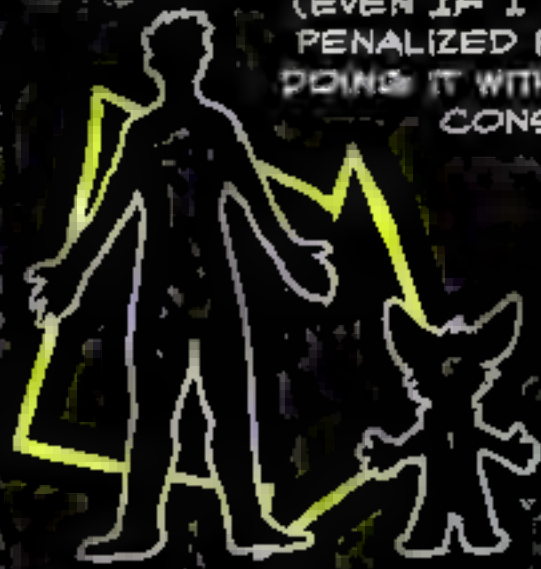
TO ACCUMULATE POWER QUICKLY,
A SUNDERER NEEDS ENORMOUS
QUANTITIES OF EITHER PURITY OR
IMAGINATION, BUT TO BEGIN WITH
CANNOT BE "IN LOVE" WITH
ANYONE. I HAD A FEW
CANDIDATES LINED UP, BUT
DRAGON INTERPOSED WITH
HER OWN FOLLOWERS

I TRIED ANYWAY—I COULD HAVE
IGNORED THE "LOVELESS"
REQUIREMENT HAD THEY
RECEIVED THE ENERGY
DIRECTLY FROM MY MANA POOL
(WHICH IS WHY I WAITED), BUT A
MORTAL INELIGIBLE DUE TO HIS
SPECIES ENDED UP ACTIVATING
IT, SO THE POINT WAS MOOT

SO THESE DREAM
SUNDERERS
DO THEY SUNDER
DREAMS OR DO THEY
SUNDER BY MEANS
OF DREAMS?

YES

SO, I TURNED FOR MY PLAN B,
THE DARK PALADIN. THIS
CLASS GAINS A FINESSE BONUS
FOR THE MORTAL'S AGE, BUT A
POWER BONUS FOR THEIR YOUTH.
SINCE WE WERE RESTRICTED TO
DOGS AND CATS, TRANSFORMING
A HUMAN INTO A DOG GAVE ME
THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS
(EVEN IF I WAS
PENALIZED FOR
DOING IT WITHOUT
CONSENT)



SECOND, THE DARK
PALADIN IS POWERED BY
DISCONTENT. NOT ONLY ARE
HUMANS MORE DISCONTENT
THAN ANIMALS NATURALLY, BUT
THE ORDEAL ALONE WAS
POISED TO TIP THE ODDS
IN MY FAVOR



BUT IF YOU
TREATED HIM
POORLY WOULD
HE DESIRE TO
BE YOUR
FOLLOWER?

"FOLLOWER" IS SUCH
A TRICKY TERM. THE
MORTAL INVOLVED DOESN'T
HAVE TO LIKE ME, MERELY
HAVE AN INSEPARABLE
CONNECTION TO ME

BESIDES, IN
ORDER FOR THIS
GAMBIT TO WORK,
ALL HE WOULD NEED
TO DO IS ACCEPT
THE POWER, NO
STRINGS



BUT THE
OFFER HAS
STRINGS. HE WOULD
BE LOCKED INTO
COMBAT WITH YOUR
OPPONENT. SO WHY
SHOULD HE HELP
YOU?

BECAUSE ONE,
HE WANTS THIS
WHOLE ORDEAL TO
BE OVER

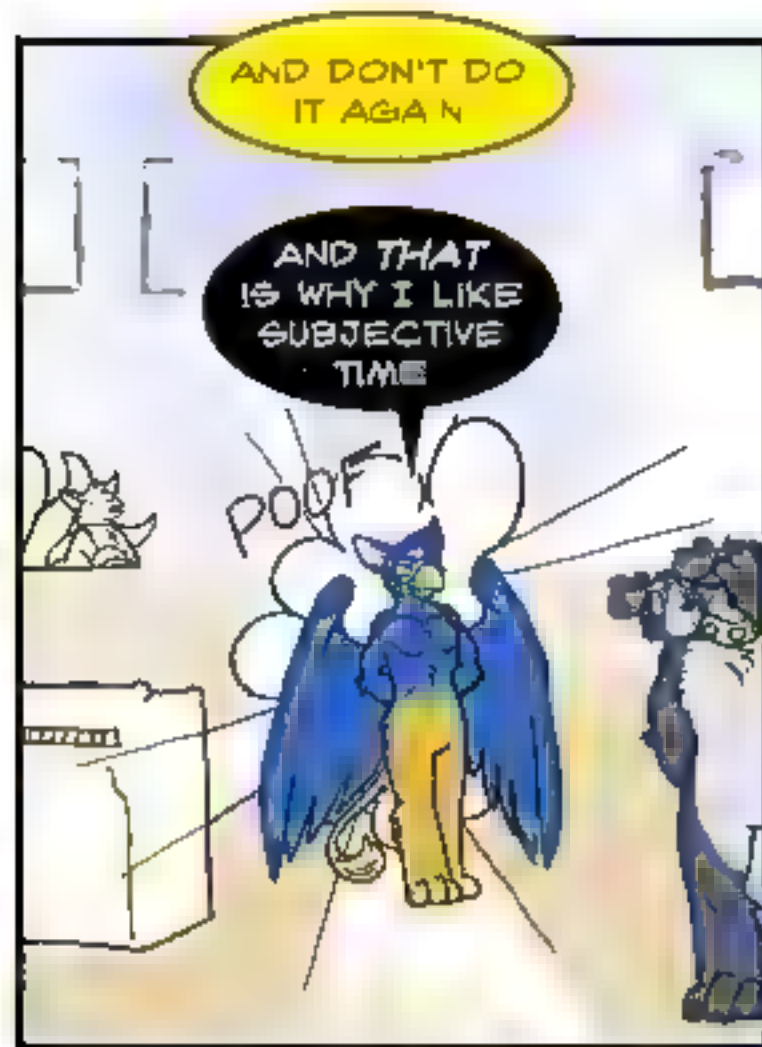
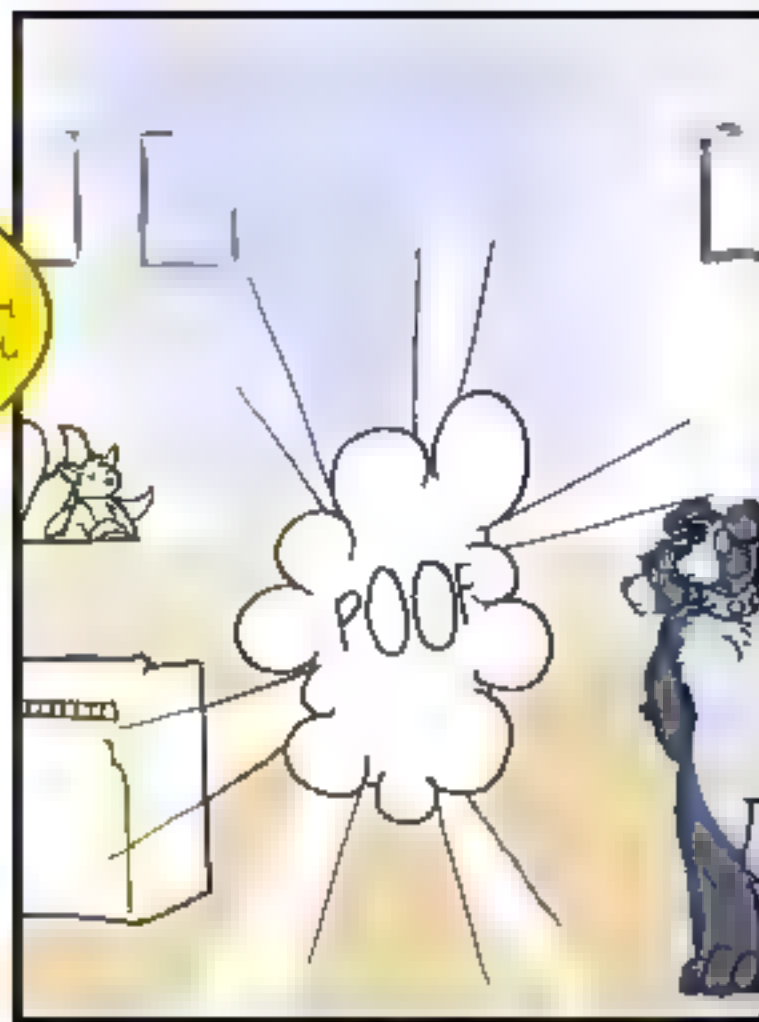
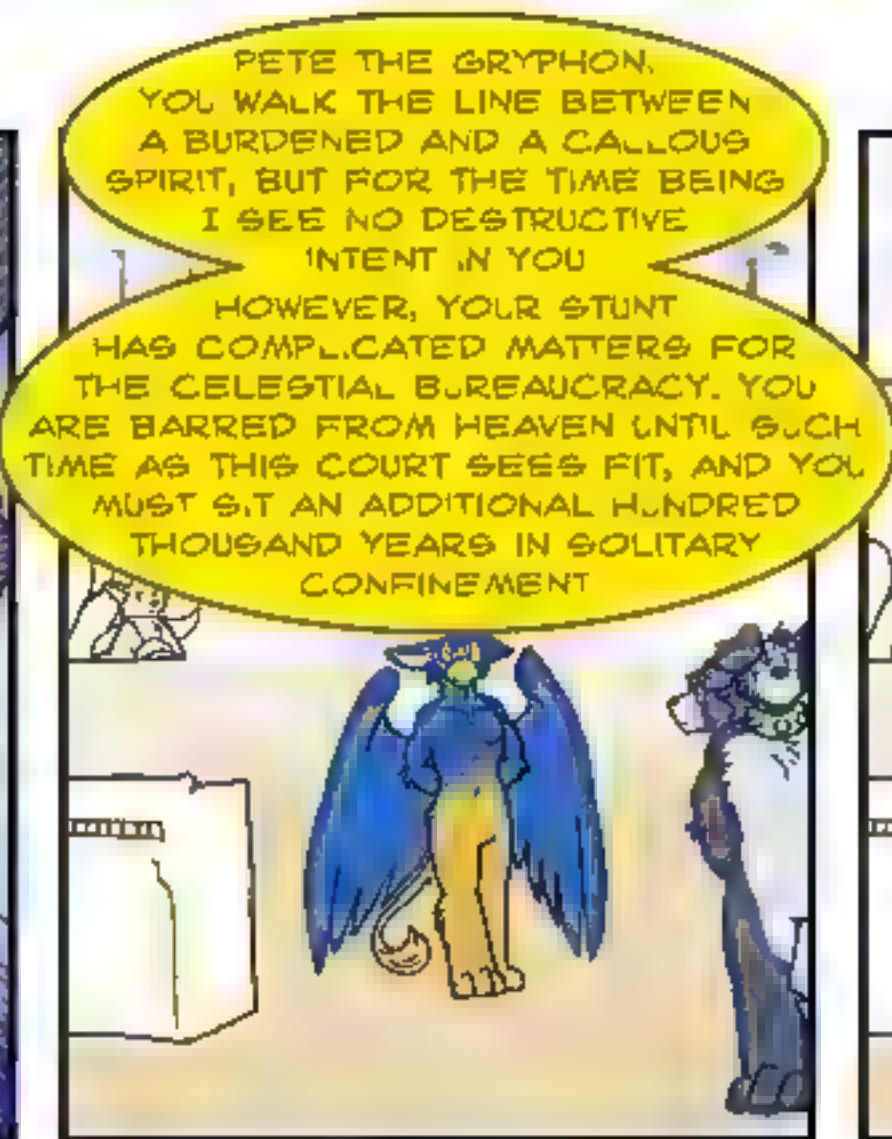
AND TWO, HE
DOESN'T LIKE
ANY OF US



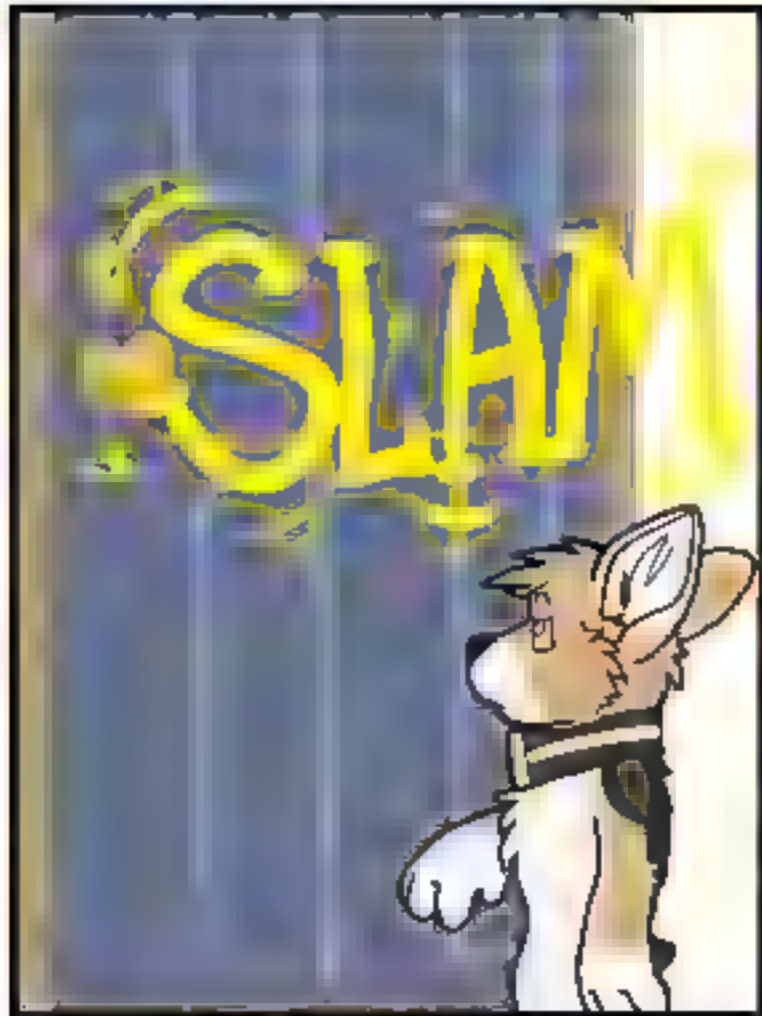
YOU REALLY
ARE DEGRATE
ARE YOU NO?

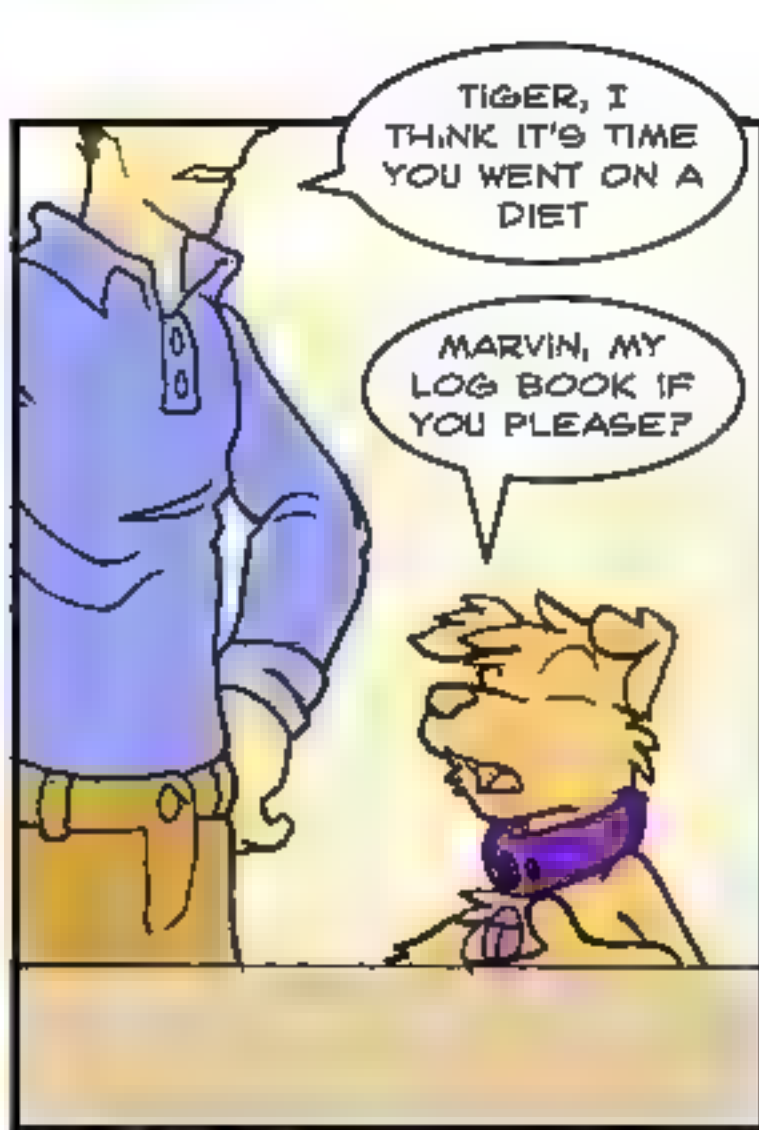


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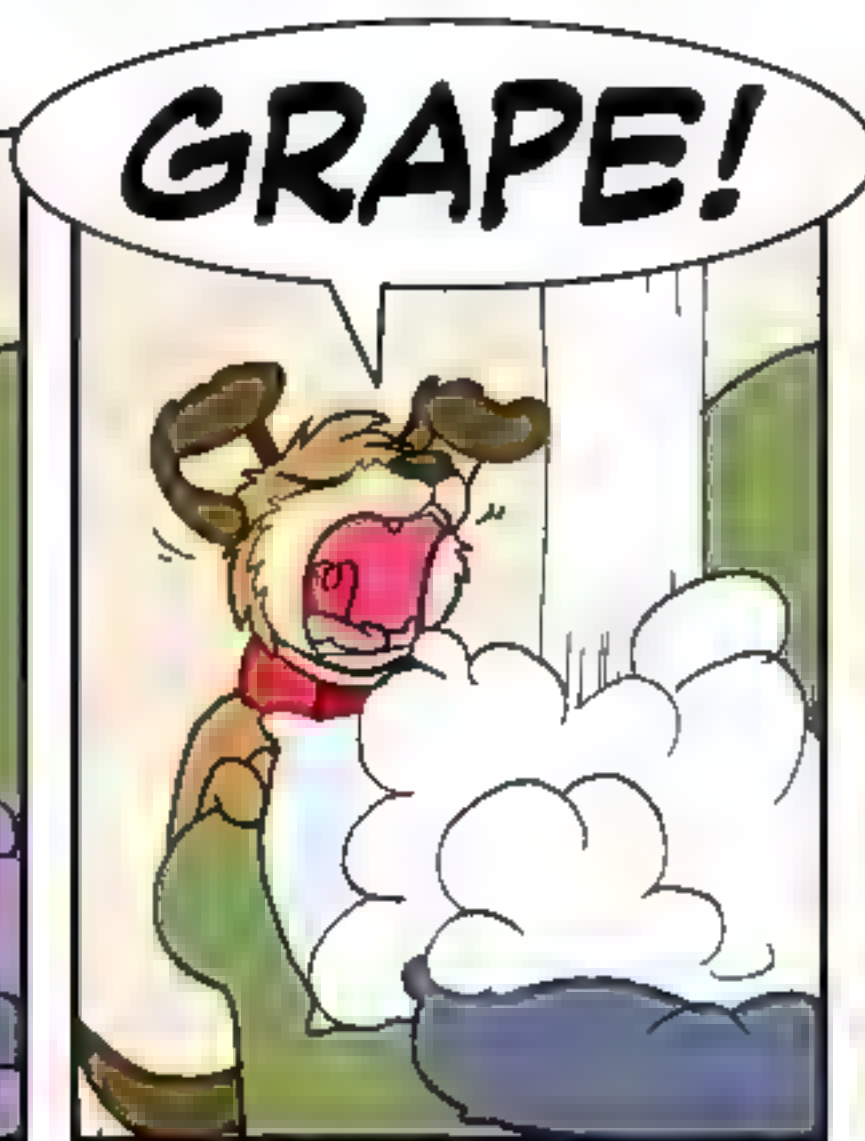
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HELLO! I'D
LIKE TO SEE
YOUR SELECTION
OF CATNIP
PLEASE

YOU KNOW
WE'RE NOT
ALLOWED TO
SELL THAT TO
PETS

OH REALLY?
AND WHAT IF MY
FRIEND MR.
WASHINGTON
VOUCHED FOR
ME?

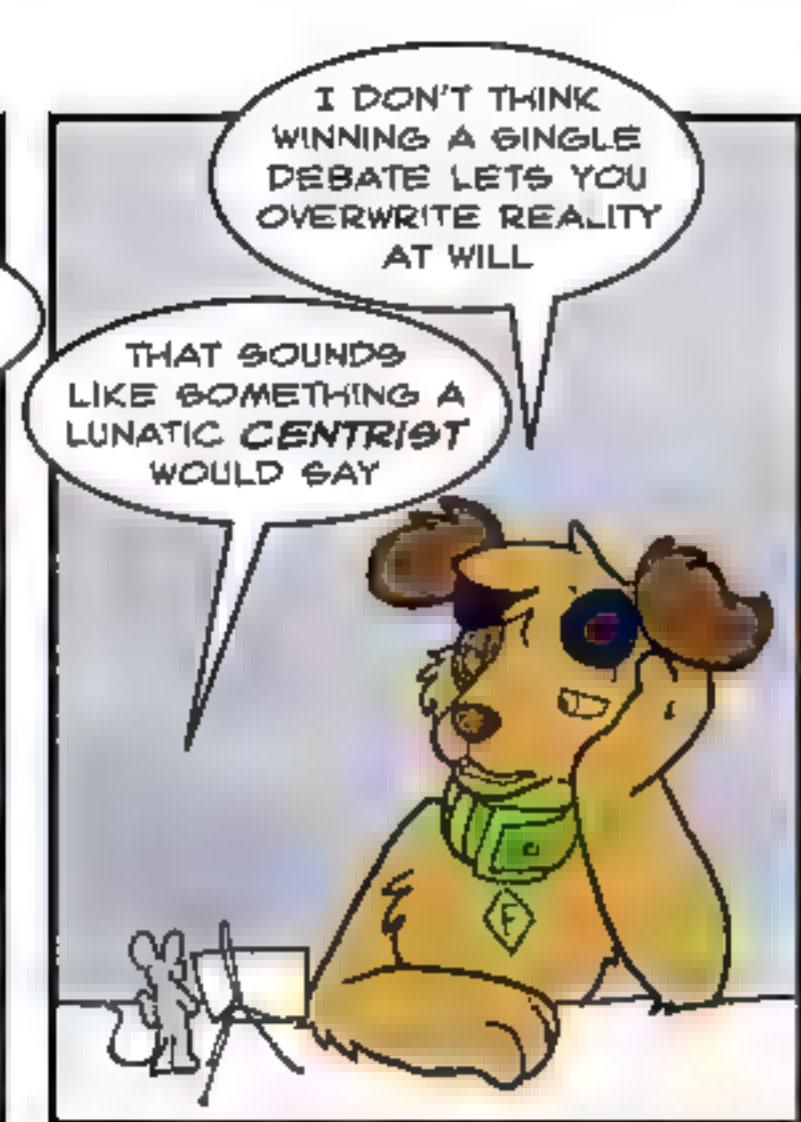
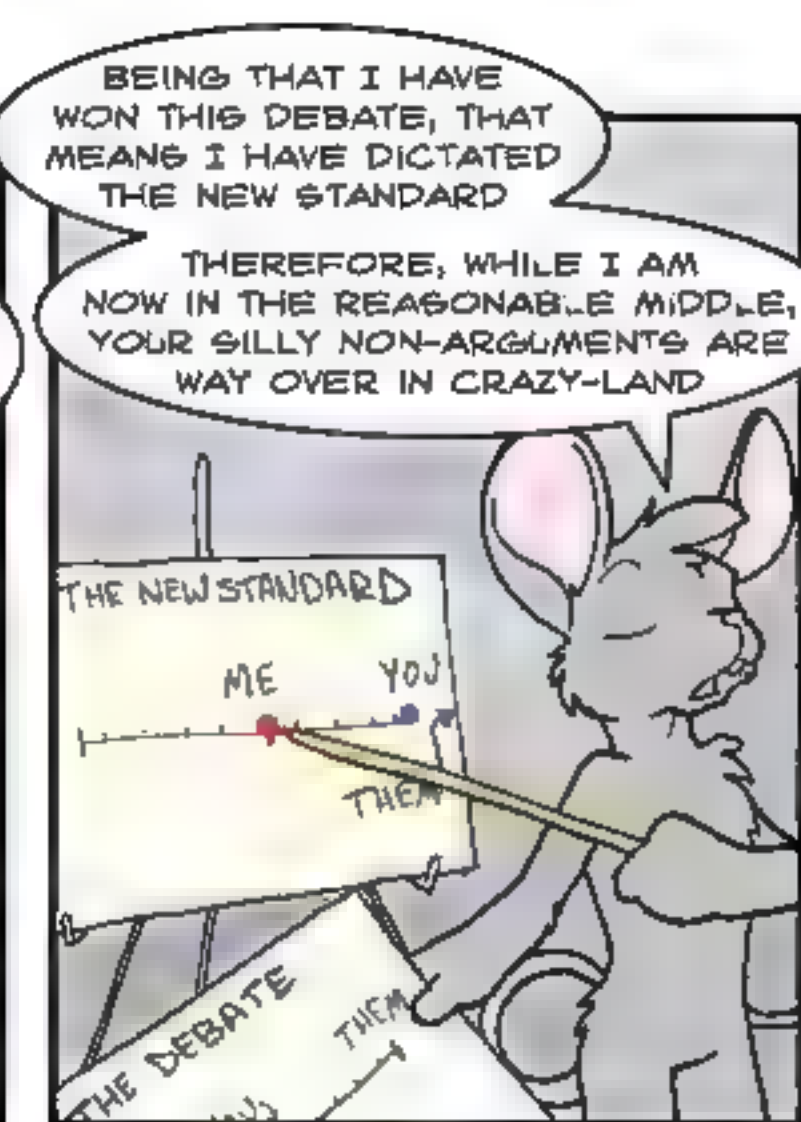
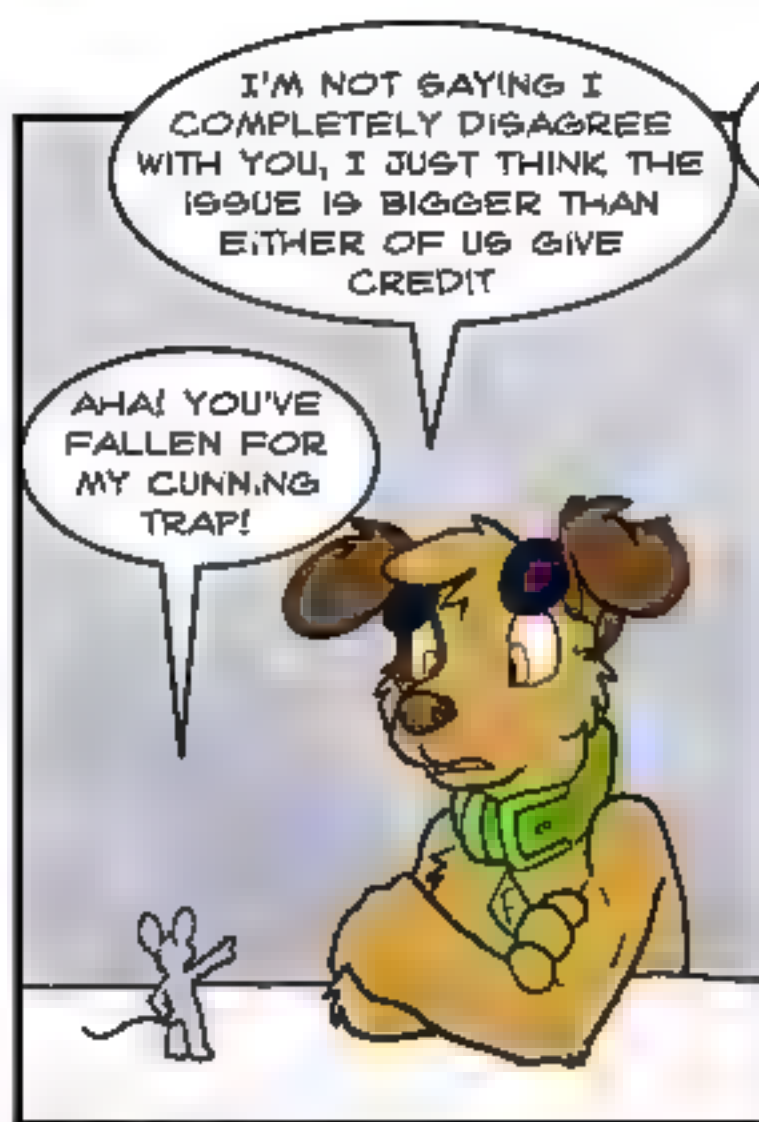
ARE . . .
YOU TRYING TO
BRIBE ME WITH
A DOLLAR?

QUARTER,
ACTUALLY

THAT IS
ADORABLE

SEE ME
OUT BACK







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WITH THE COPS
BREATHING DOWN MY
NECK, THE ONLY PLACE
WILLING TO HOLD OUR
GAME IS THE BILTMORE
HOTEL

WHICH WILL
COST \$1000

WHERE AM I
SUPPOSED TO
GET THAT KIND
OF MONEY?

HMM . . . SKY'S
IN TOWN, WHY DON'T
YOU MAKE A BET
WITH HIM?

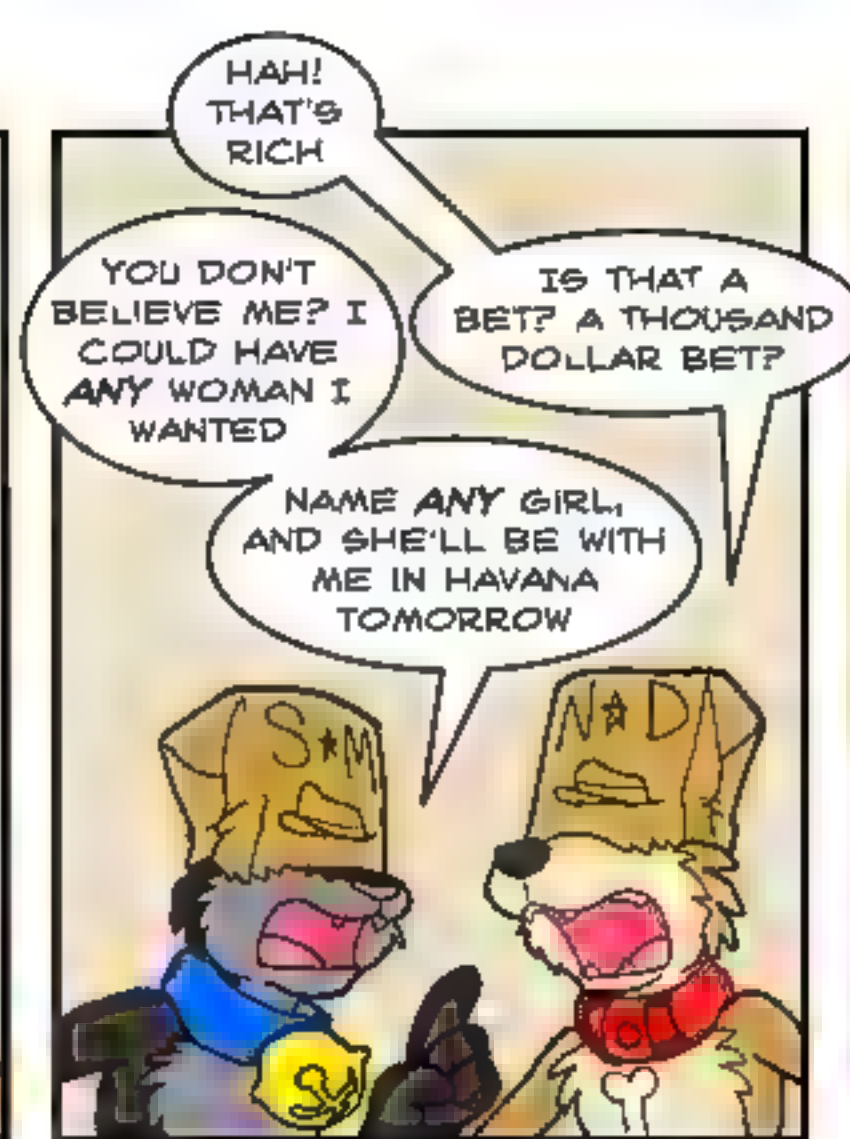
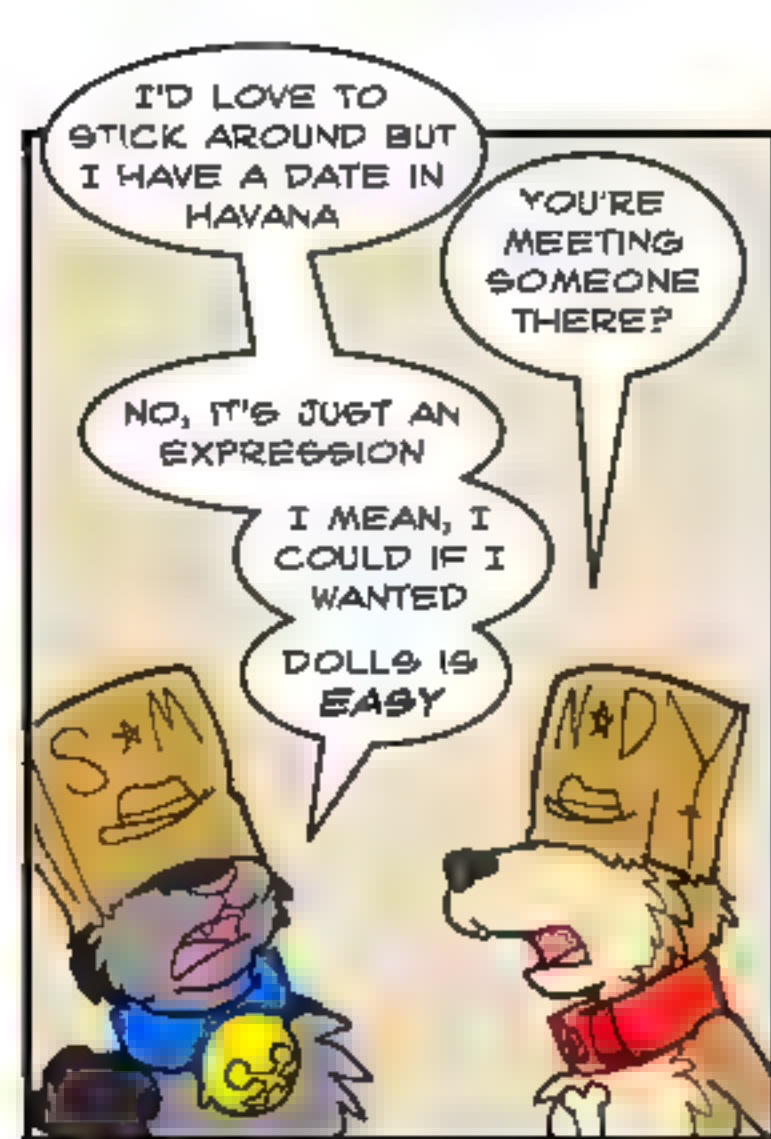
YEAH!
SKY'LL BET ON
ANYTHING!

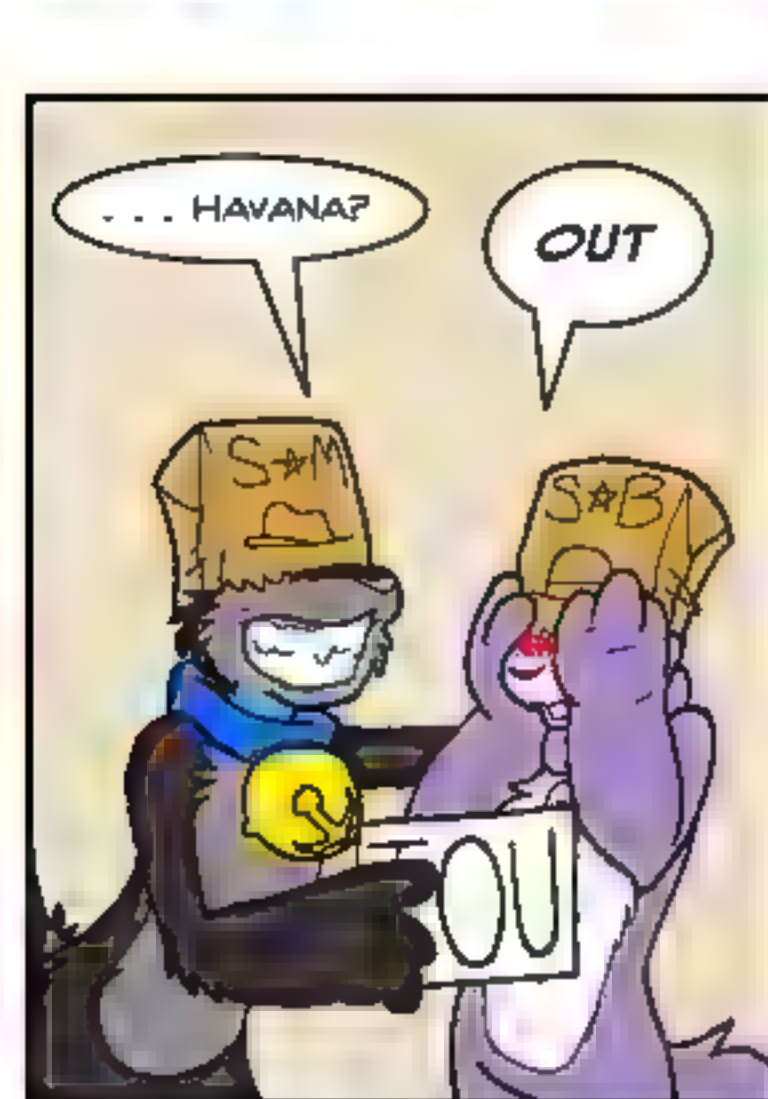
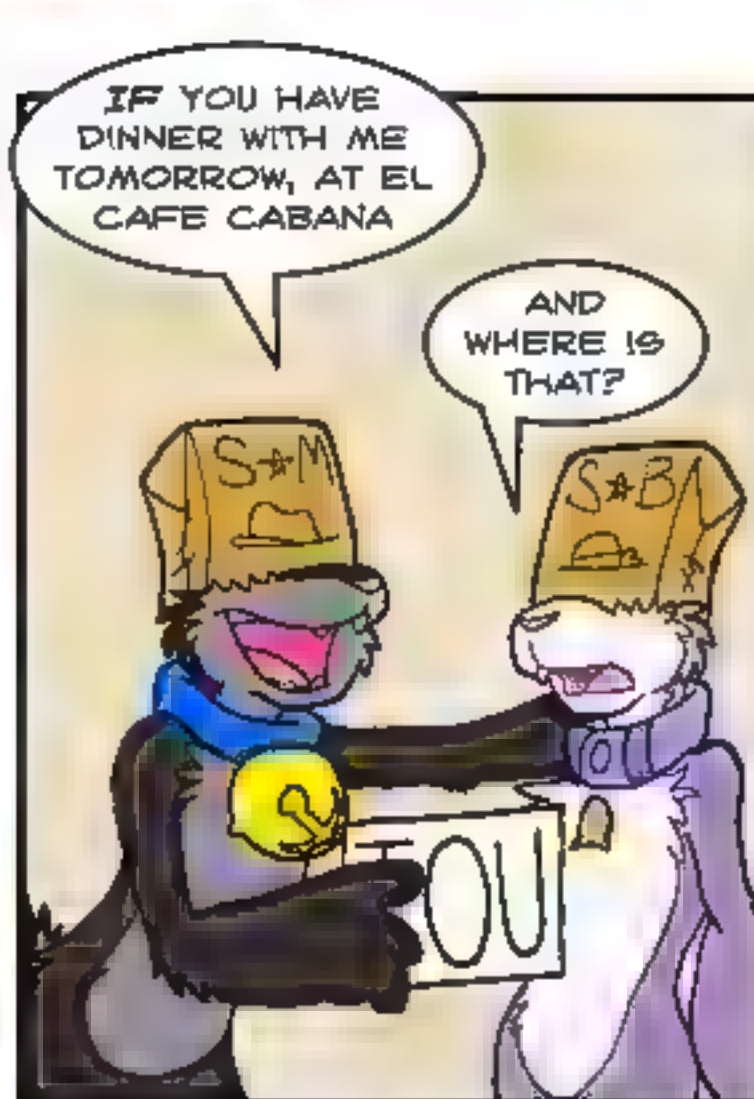
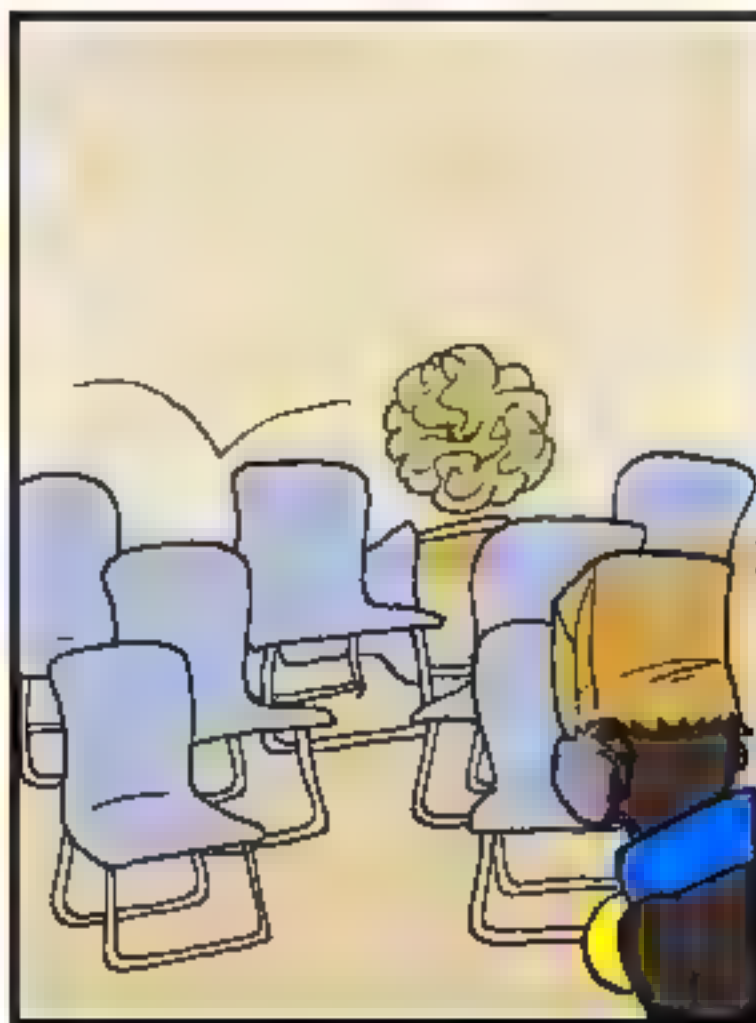
AH MY GOOD
FRIEND NATHAN
DETROIT, HOW
ARE--

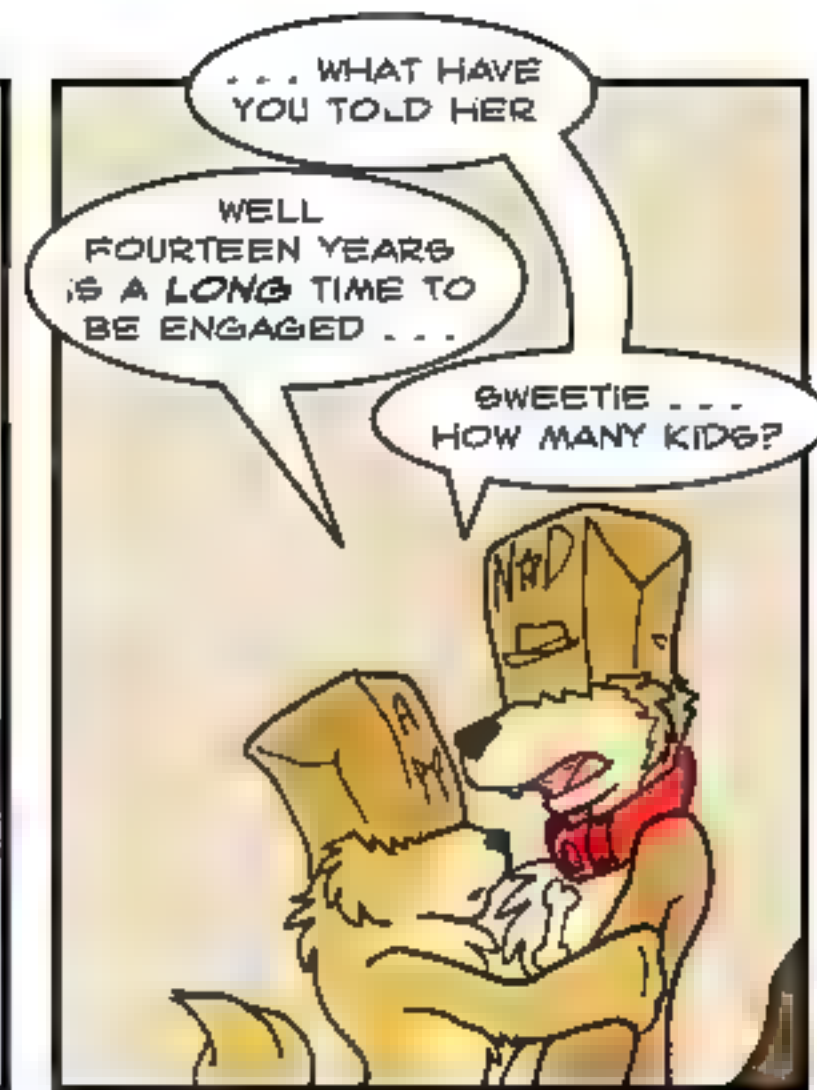
WOULD YOU
CARE TO MAKE A
WAGER ON HOW MUCH
CHEESECAKE VS.
STREUDEL THIS FINE
ESTABLISHMENT IS
SELLING?

WELL WE COULD, BUT
THEN WE'D HAVE TO
RENAME THIS PLAY "GUYS
AND CHEESECAKE"

I'M DOWN
WITH THAT IF
YOU ARE







BUT NOW WE CAN
BE HAPPY FOREVER,
ESPECIALLY AFTER YOU
PROMISED TO NEVER
GAMBLE EVER AGAIN,
EVER!

OH, YES THAT
IS A THING I
PROMISED!

HEY ADELAIDE,
IMMA BORROW A PAIR
OF EARRINGS. I HAD TO
GET A NEW DATE BECAUSE
SOCIETY MAX IS GOING TO
SOME STUPID CRAP GAME
TOMORROW, NATHAN

WELP

WE
GONE

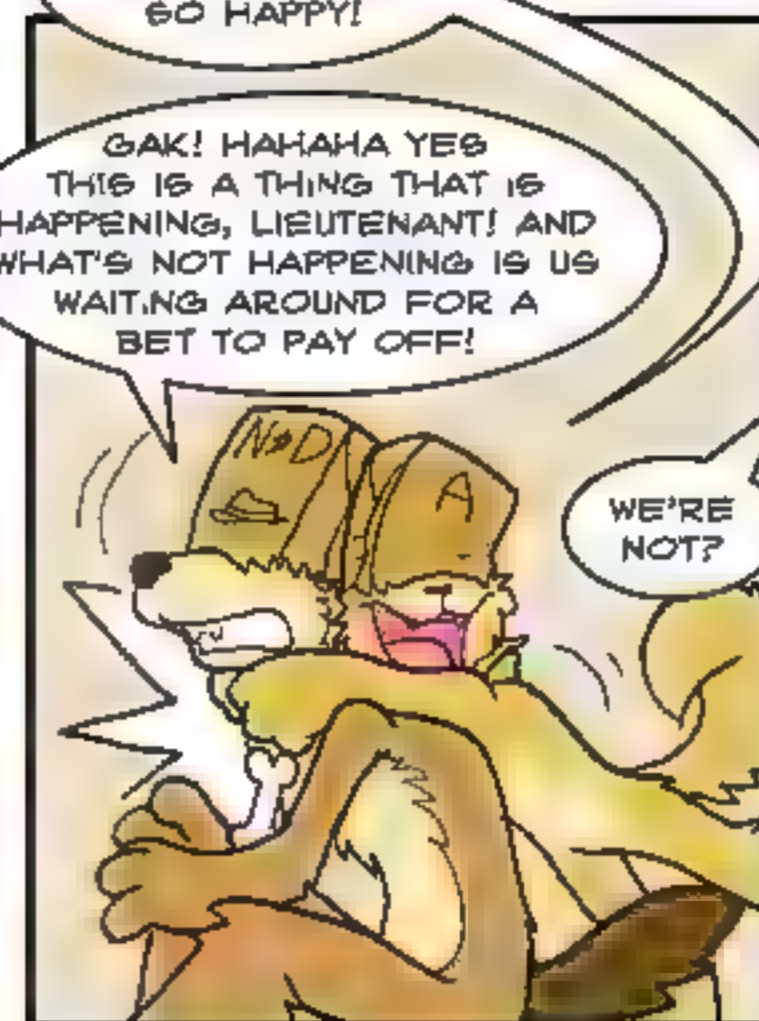
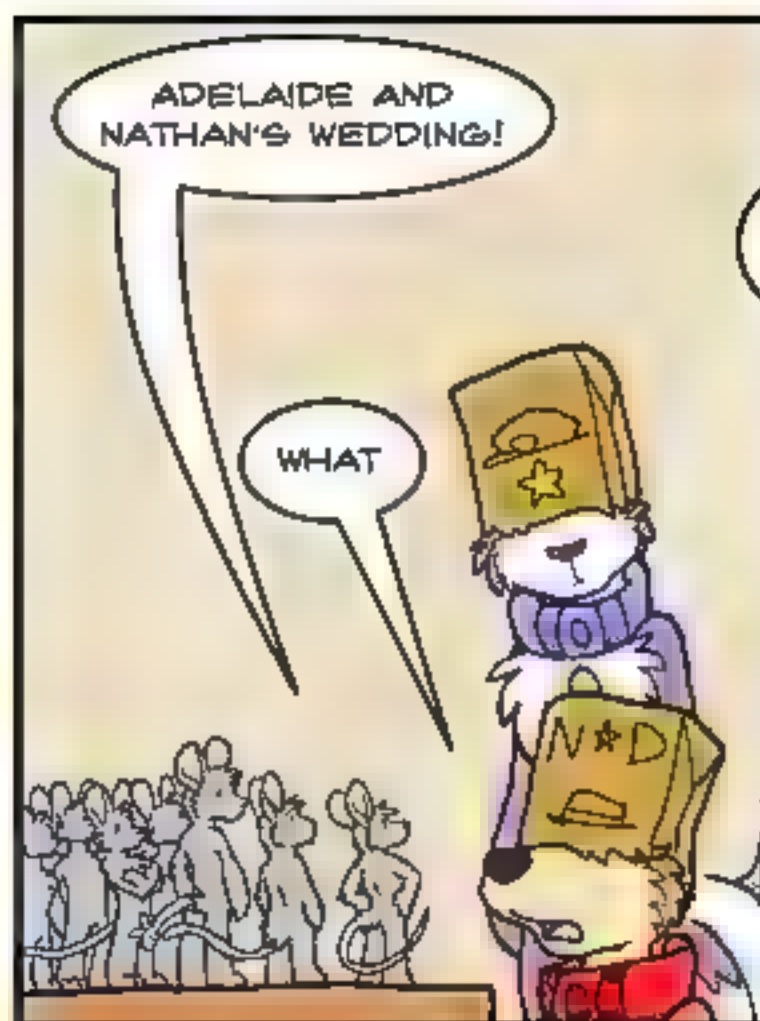
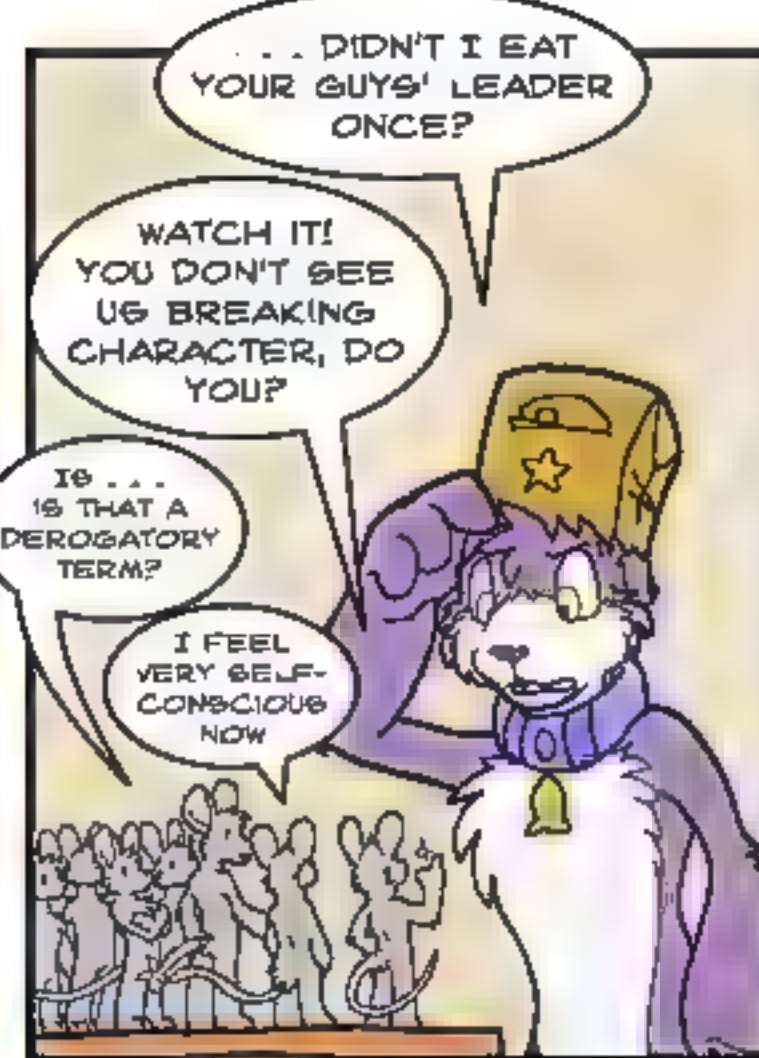
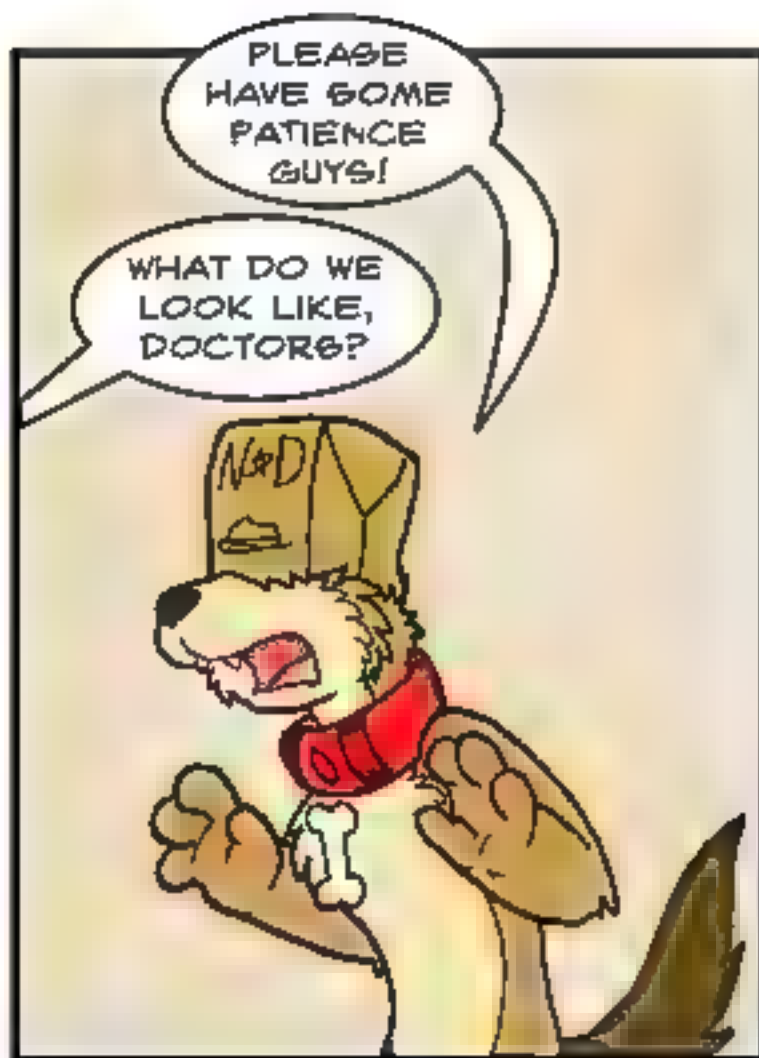
BUT
GENERAL!

I'M SORRY, SISTER
BROWN, BUT WE MUST
CLOSE THIS MISSION UNLESS
YOU CAN PROVE YOU'RE
MAKING ANY IMPACT
WHATSOEVER

YOU MEAN
LIKE, PEOPLE,
IN HERE, AT A
SPECIFIC
TIME?

WHY, YES,
THAT'D BE
PERFECT!

~SIGH~





LATER BACK IN NEW YORK
(BECAUSE APPARENTLY SKY HAD
NO REAL REASON TO BE IN CUBA)

I HAD A
GREAT T.M.E,
SKY

AND YOU
ONLY THREW UP
FOUR TIMES! IT
WENT PRETTY
GOOD

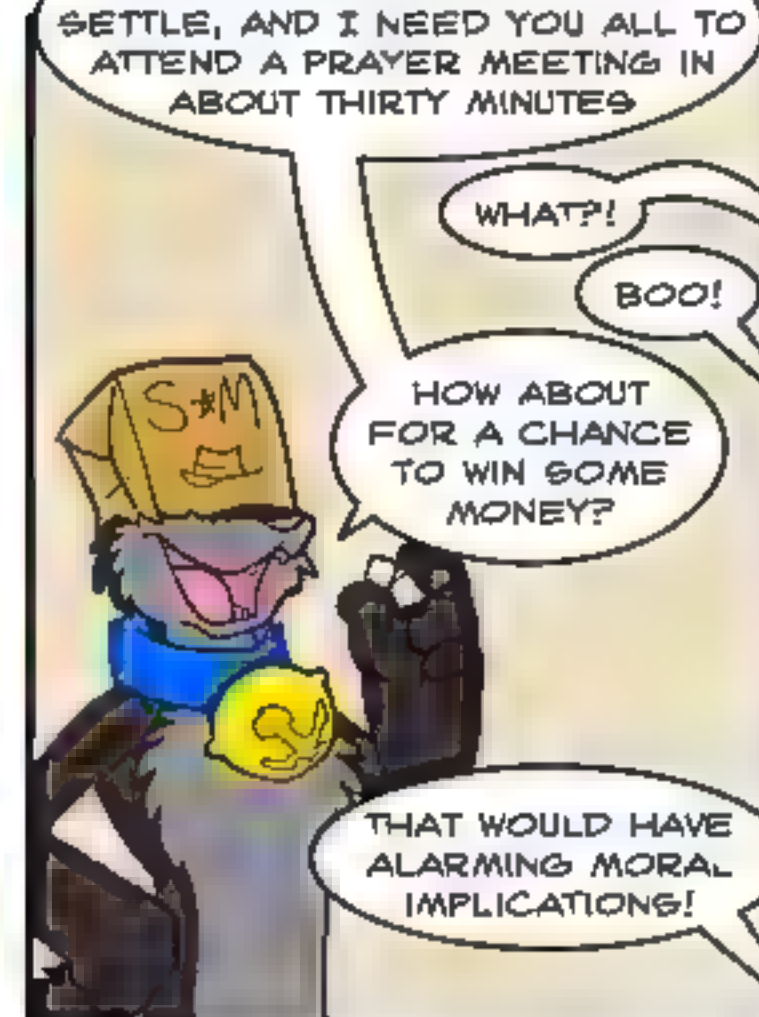
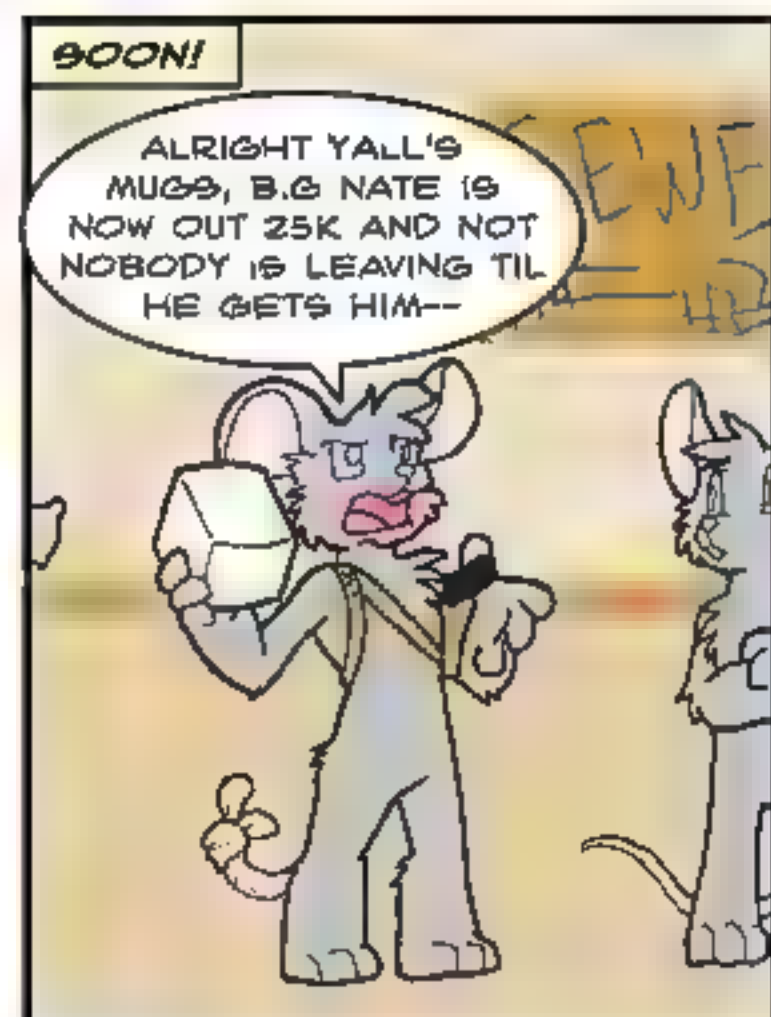
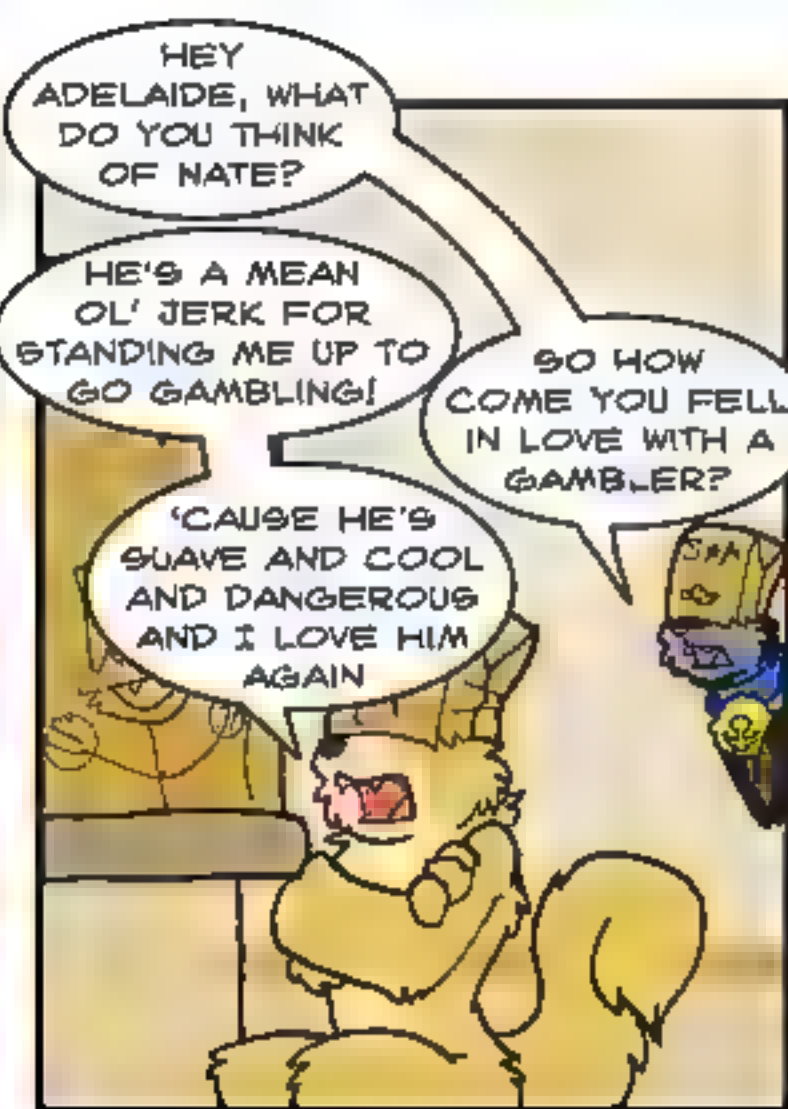
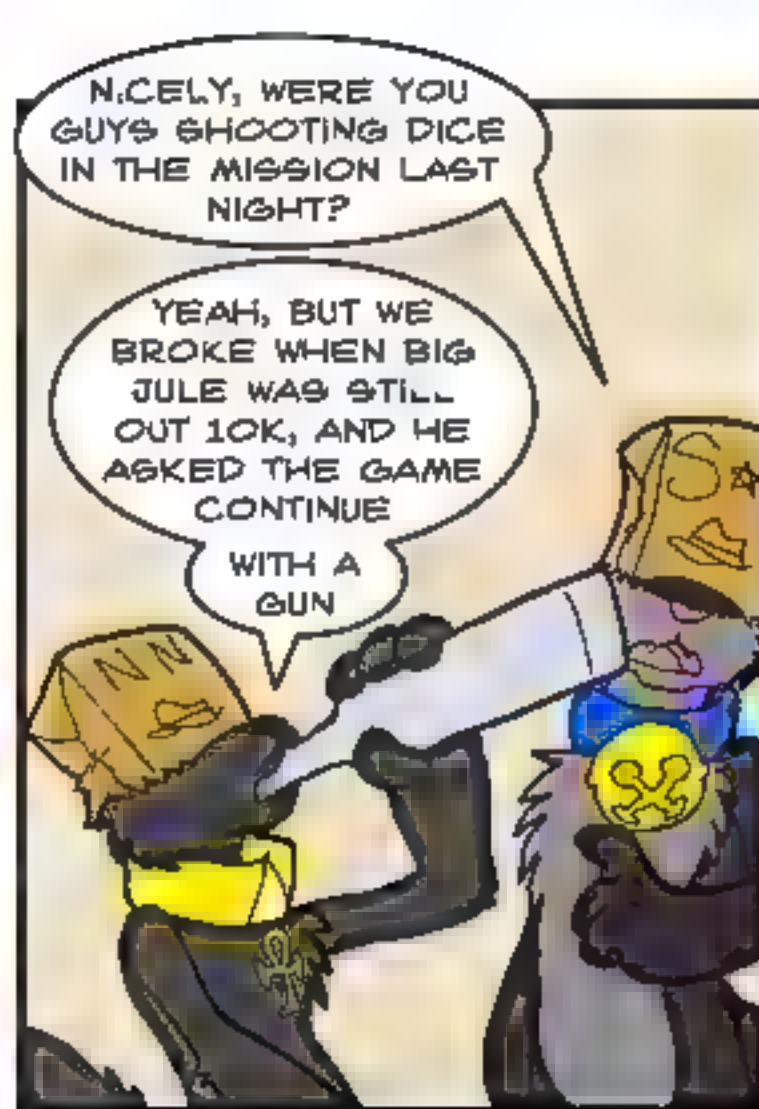
EVEN THOUGH I
DON'T REMEMBER MUCH
OF WHAT HAPPENED, SKY
... I THINK I LO--

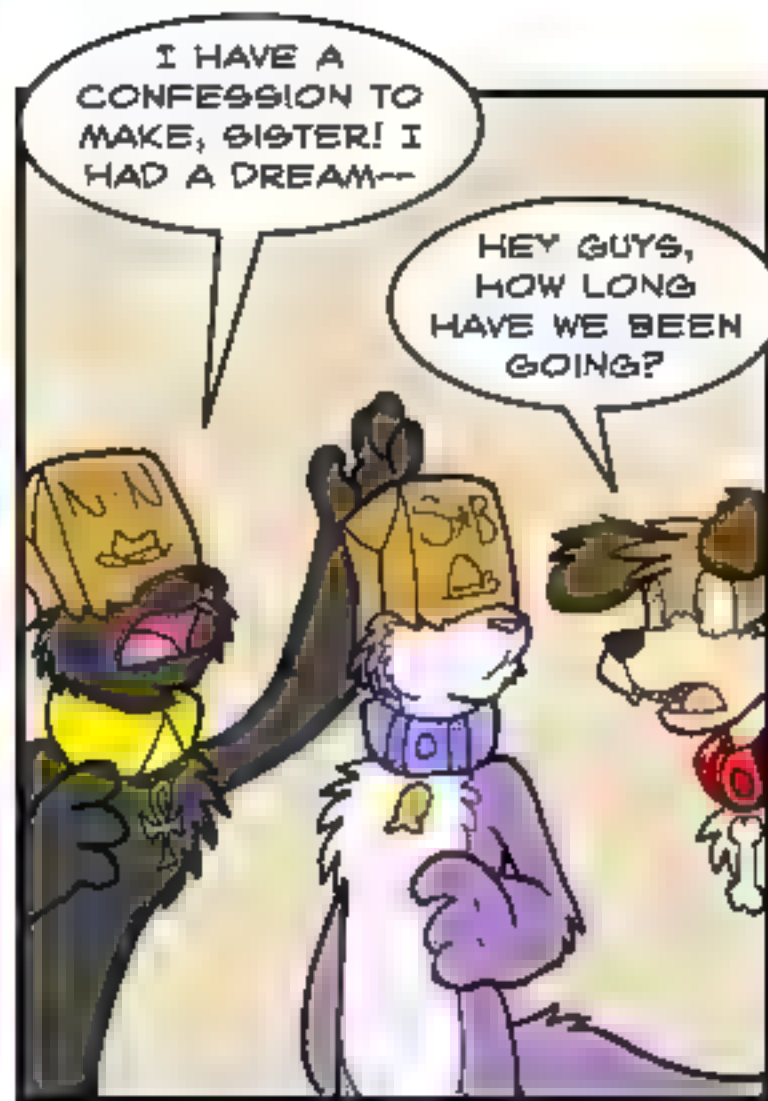
**IT DA
PO-PO!
EVERYONE
SCAT!**

MISSION

OH RIGHT,
WE'RE APPROACHING
THE PLAY'S SECOND
REVERSAL OF FORTUNE
SO I HATE YOU NOW
AND BLAME THIS
ON YOU!

I'LL GO GET
READY FOR
THE ENDING





WE'LL BE BACK WITH
OUR "SHARKTOBERFEST IN
JULY" MARATHON RIGHT
AFTER THIS

HEY
KIDS! I MEAN ...
ADULTS!

WHOEVER IS
WATCHING THIS
EARLY IN THE
MORNING

DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE
OPERATING A CUP? HOLDING
ONTO ONE OF THESE TRICKY
DEVILS IS LIKE WRESTLING A
GREASED WEASEL! SO
MUCH MOPPING!

AND WHAT'S
THIS MADE OF,
GLASS? GLASS TURNS
INTO TINY KNIVES WHEN
IT BREAKS, YOU
CLUMSY MORON!

TRY THE **TUM-BUL-CUP**,
THE CUP THAT YOU CAN LITERALLY
CHUCK ACROSS THE ROOM AND IT
WILL STAY INTACT, WITH THE LIQUID
INSIDE AND UPRIGHT!

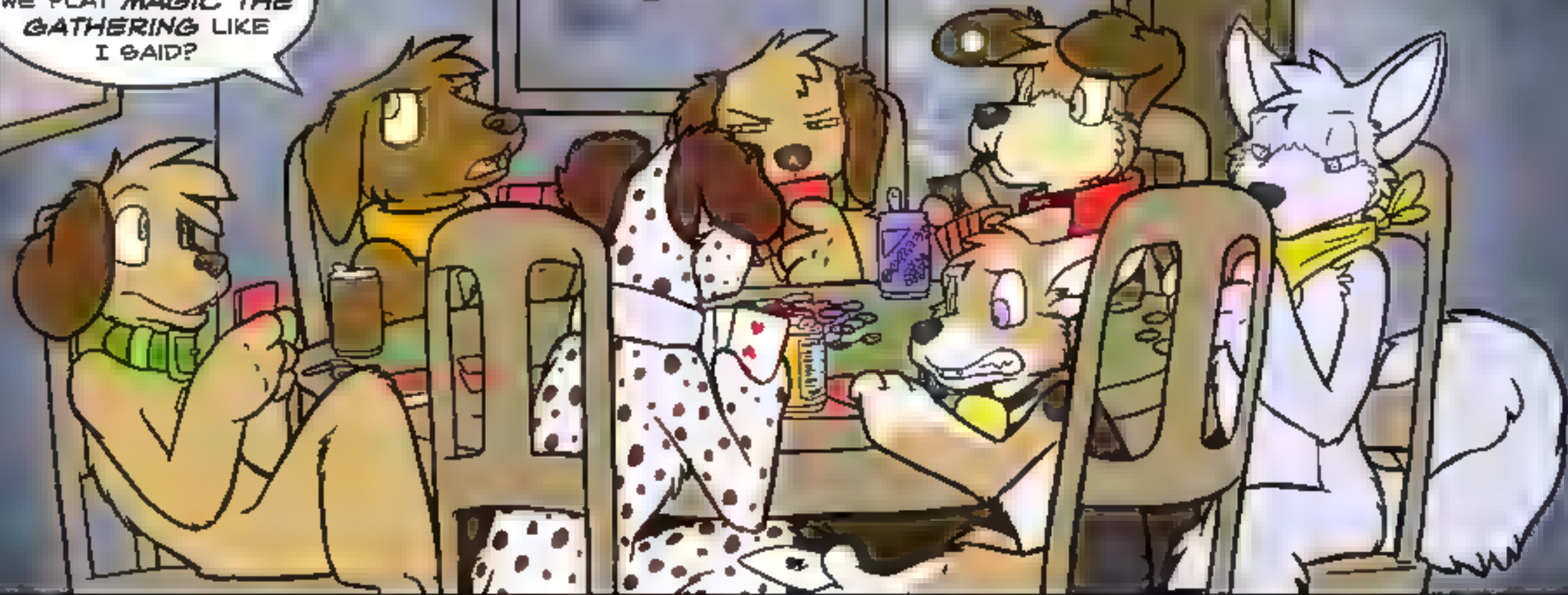
HIT IT WITH A
HAMMER! DROP IT FROM A
SKYSCRAPER! THIS INDICATES
YOU ARE NOW COMPETENT
WITH YOUR CUP-USING
TECHNIQUE

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED,
BECAUSE THE FULL
WAREHOUSE WE WERE BADDLED
INTO BUYING ONLY HAS A FINITE
AMOUNT OF SPACE! WE WILL BE
RID OF THESE THINGS
EVENTUALLY, RIGHT?

RIGHT?



THIS IS SO
BORING. WHY CAN'T
WE PLAY *MAGIC THE
GATHERING* LIKE
I SAID?





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YOU'LL HAVE TWO HOURS TO COMPLETE THE TEST. BE SURE TO TURN IT IN FACE-DOWN ON THE TABLE AND GRAB A COURSE EVALUATION PACKET RIGHT AFTER



SONO SHIROI KURIIMU NO SHITA DE YAWARAKAI SUPONJI WO KASANETE



YASASHISA MO ITOSHISA MO NOSETE PAN! PAN! AMAI AMAI PAPA NO PANKEEKI GA



PAN! PAN! TSUTSUMIKONDERU NO--->BEEP<



YOU HAVE CANCELLED YOUR CALL, IT WILL BE SENT TO YOUR VOICEMAIL! >BEEP<



ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO ENTER SILENT MODE? THIS MODE IS USEFUL IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A QUIET AREA, SUCH AS A THEATER OR A FANCY RESTAURANT >BEEP<



YOUR PHONE IS NOW SHUTTING DOWN



I AM DEEPLY
REGRETFUL OF MY
CONDUCT DURING THE
TEST, SENSEI. I BEG YOU,
DO NOT FAIL ME FOR
BREAKING CLASSROOM
RULES

DON'T BE
SILLY. MY PHONE
GOES OFF ALL
THE TIME

HOWEVER, PERHAPS
TO THE RELIEF OF THE
OTHER STUDENTS, YOU DID
NOT BREAK THE CURVE
THIS TIME

SLEEP IS MORE
IMPORTANT THAN
LAST-MINUTE STUDY,
AND I HOPE YOU'LL
REMEMBER THAT
NEXT SEMESTER

67%? WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO TELL MY
FATHER?! HOW AM I
SUPPOSED TO JUSTIFY MY
STUDENT VISA WITH SUCH A
POOR GRADE?

YOU STILL HAVE AN A
AVERAGE, MR. KITAMURA. YOUR
GPA IS UNAFFECTED

DOESN'T
ANYONE KNOW HOW
TO ALLOCATE SHAME
IN THIS COUNTRY?



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HOW WILL I EVER
FIND YOU AGAIN?
I HOLD MY HANDS
A HUNDRED MILLION MILES
ABOVE THE WORLD
EMPTINESS NEAR AND FAR
AND MY FINGERS CURL
AROUND A STAR



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THAT'S GREAT, ALAN.
REAL GOOD TAKE. WE'LL
DO ONE MORE

SURE THING.
WHO HAS MY
WATER BOTTLE!?
CINDY, GET OVER
HERE!



WHAT DO YOU
THINK?

HE CAN'T PULL OFF A
BALLAD WITH HIS VOICE. THE
ONLY WONDER HE CAN INVOKE
IS HOW SUCH A SMALL BODY
HAS SUCH RIDICULOUSLY
STRONG PIPES



SO IT'S A
NO-GO?

NO, JUST THAT THE
GLEE COVER WILL BE
SUPERIOR FOR ONCE
THAT'LL GET US
AT LEAST DOUBLE
PLATINUM



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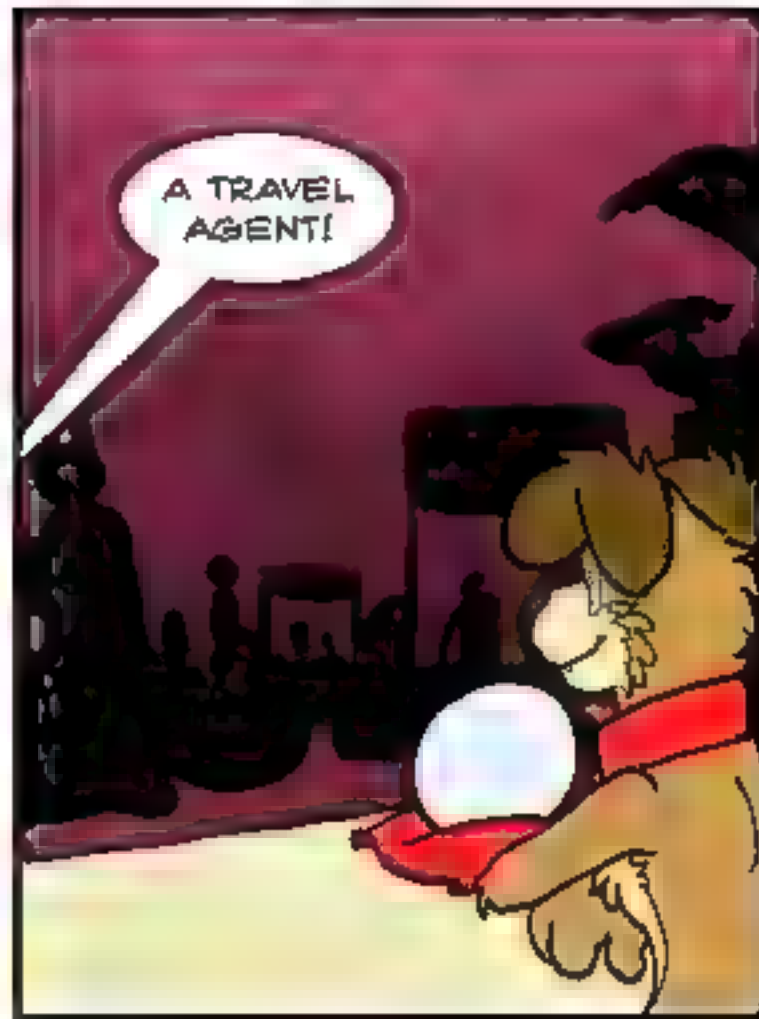


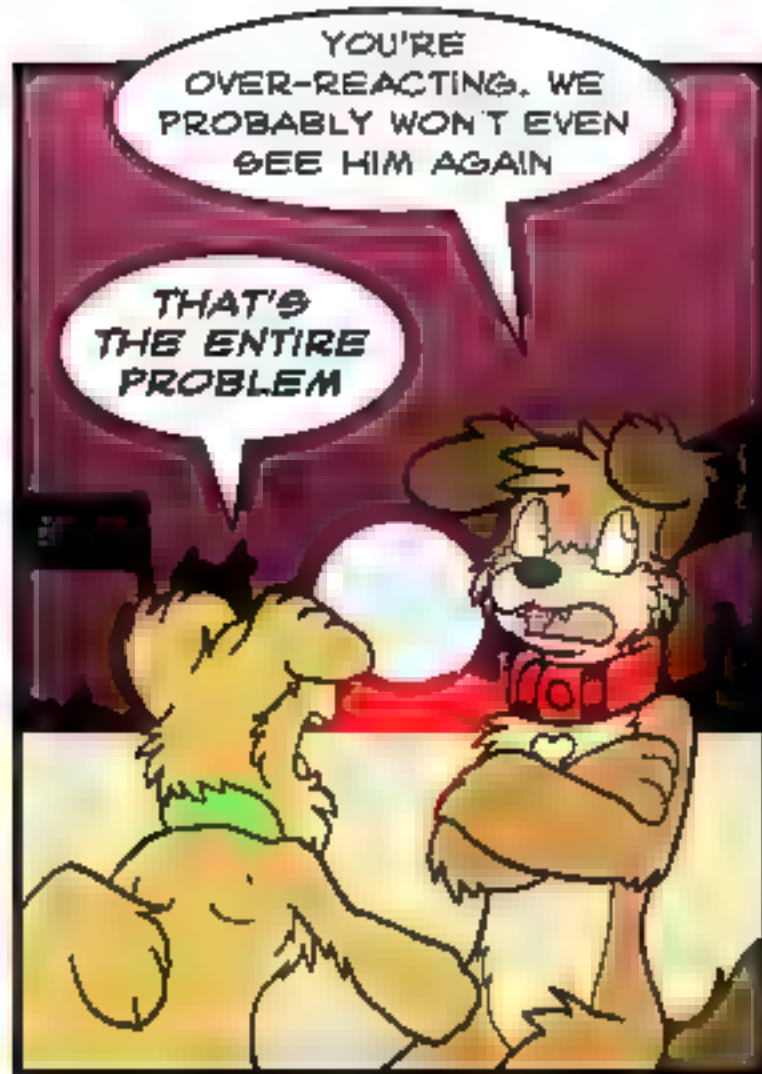
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NEXT . . .
OFFICER KEVIN
BEAUREGARD

HERE!

SIR! I HEREBY
OFFER AS MY SOLEMN
PLEDGE THAT I WILL
PERFORM THIS PHYSICAL TO
THE BEST OF MY ABILITY
AND MAKE MY SQUAD
AND MY COUNTRY
PROUD!

MY BLOOD WORK, AS
REQUESTED, DONE LAST
WEEK SO THE BLOOD LOSS
WOULD NOT INHIBIT MY
PERFORMANCE!

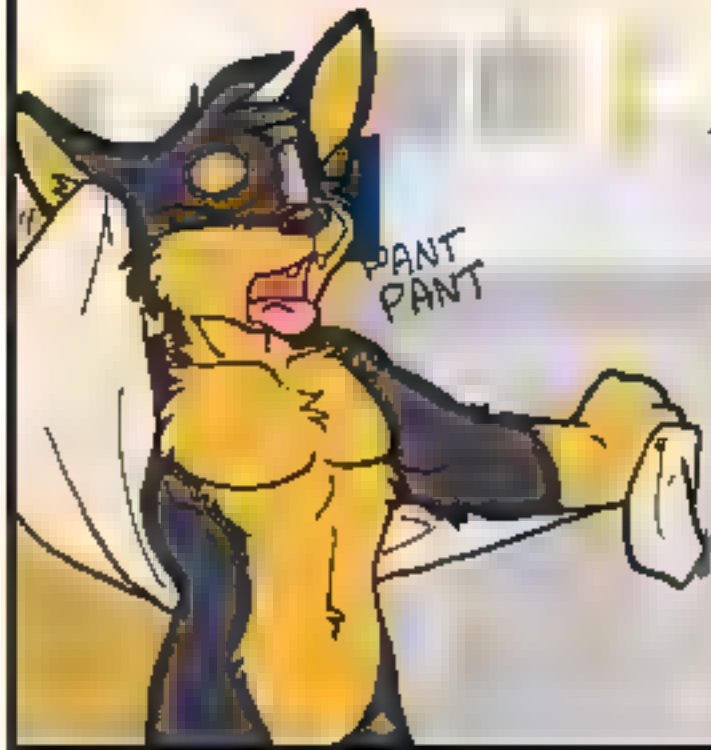
YOU'LL HAVE
TO FORGIVE HIM;
HE GETS A LITTLE
PUMPED UP THE
WEEK AFTER THE
OLYMPICS

GO
TEAM USA
WOOOO

THAT'S
ENOUGH, KEVIN.
LET'S TALK FOR A
SECOND



I APPRECIATE YOUR
ENTHUSIASM, BUT THE
PURPOSE OF A PHYSICAL IS
NOT TO SET RECORDS. YOU
DON'T NEED TO PERFORM
AT A "10"



FOR EXAMPLE,
DURING REFLEX TESTS,
YOU DON'T NEED TO
BEAT YOUR NATURAL
REACTION TIME



ALSO, YOU DIDN'T
NEED TO FILL THE
URINALYSIS JAR TO
THE TOP



JUST
TRYING TO
BE ALL I
CAN BE
GIRL!



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I NEED TO HIT
THE LITTLE PUPPY'S
ROOM, SO JUST STAY
THERE AND DON'T
SELL ANYTHING

I
REMEMBER!

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reach a Trans-Dimensional
Services Agent at any time
the universe exists

HMM, THIS
IS WEIRD

OH COME ON,
WHAT'S THIS
ABOUT?

I DUNNO, JUST
THAT US TALKING
ALREADY
HAPPENED

I THINK I
WOULD REMEMBER
IF I APPEARED IN
FRONT OF ME

BUT I
REMEMBER!

THAT SOUNDS
LIKE SOMETHING A
DOPPELGANGER
WOULD SAY

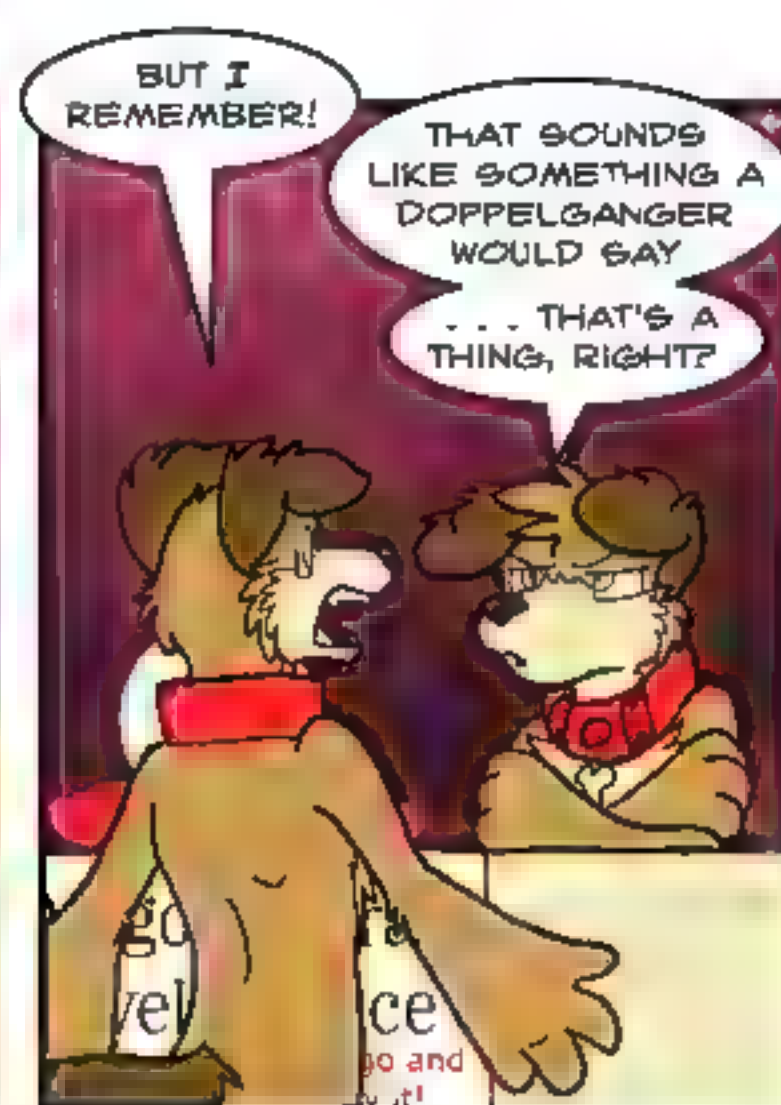
... THAT'S A
THING, RIGHT?

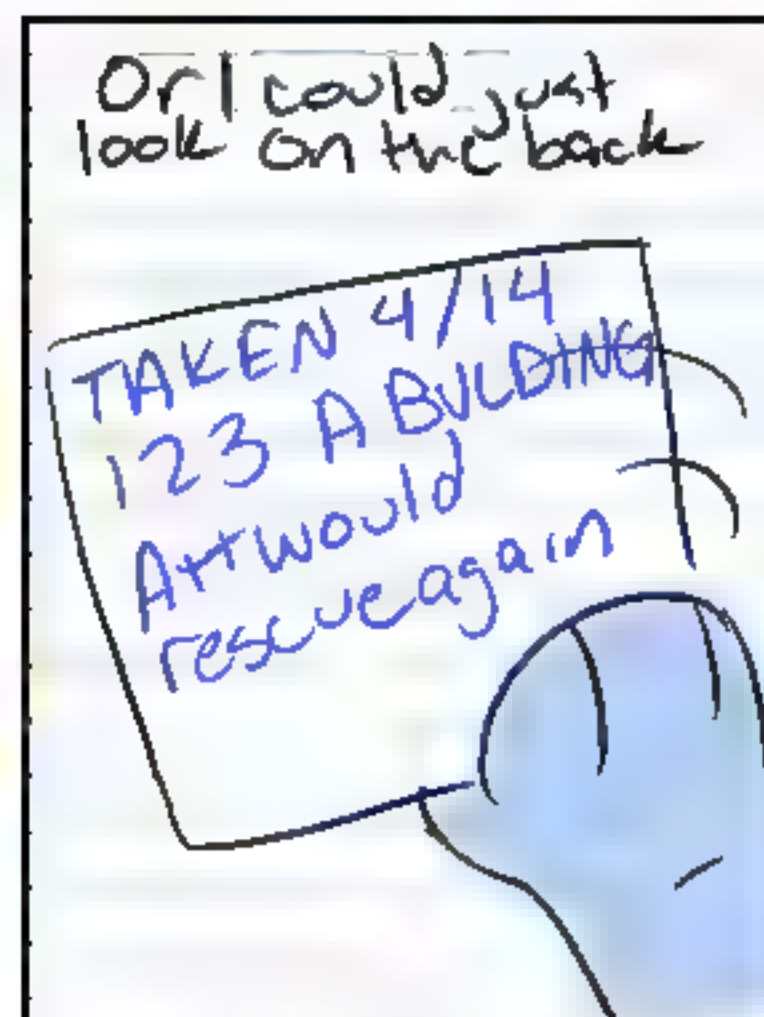


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SPOT approaches
a building



Come, spot (superdog)
I have been waiting

What is this
place?



A construct of your
Mind

I anticipated you
would return here
one day



You! I already defeated
you, like, maybe
twice!

And you
shall continue
to defeat me,
but to no
avail



For you see, nothing
you have done for
years has ever
mattered. These
Victories you
reveled in...

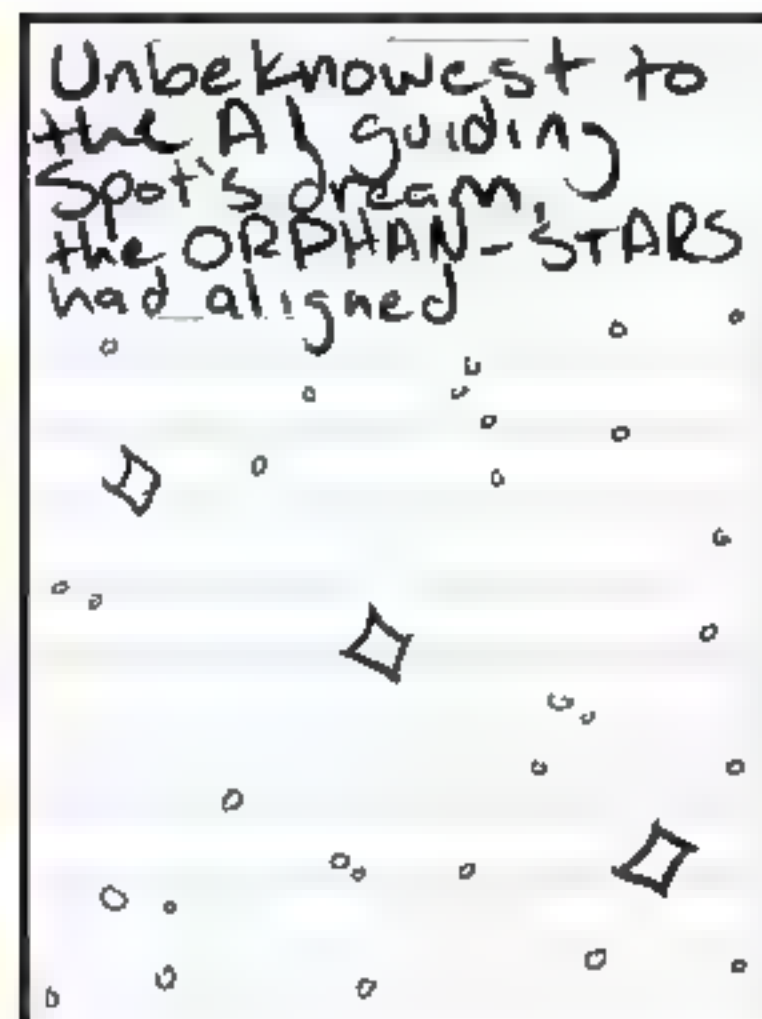
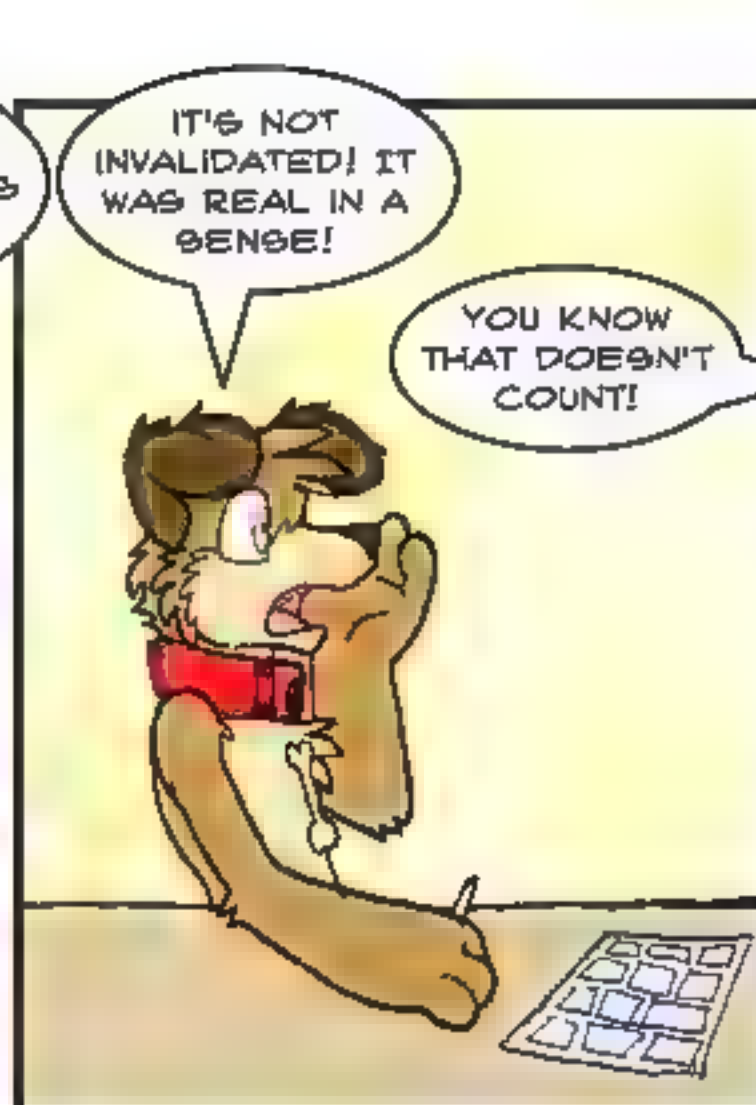


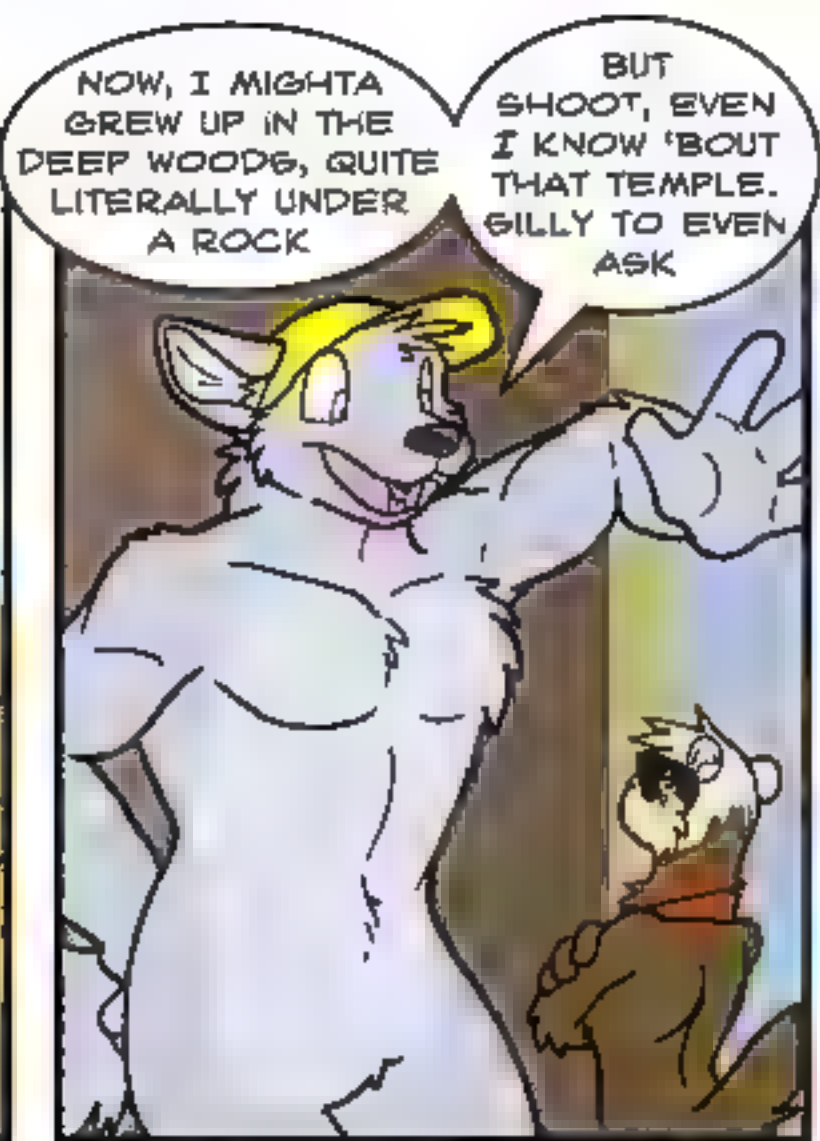
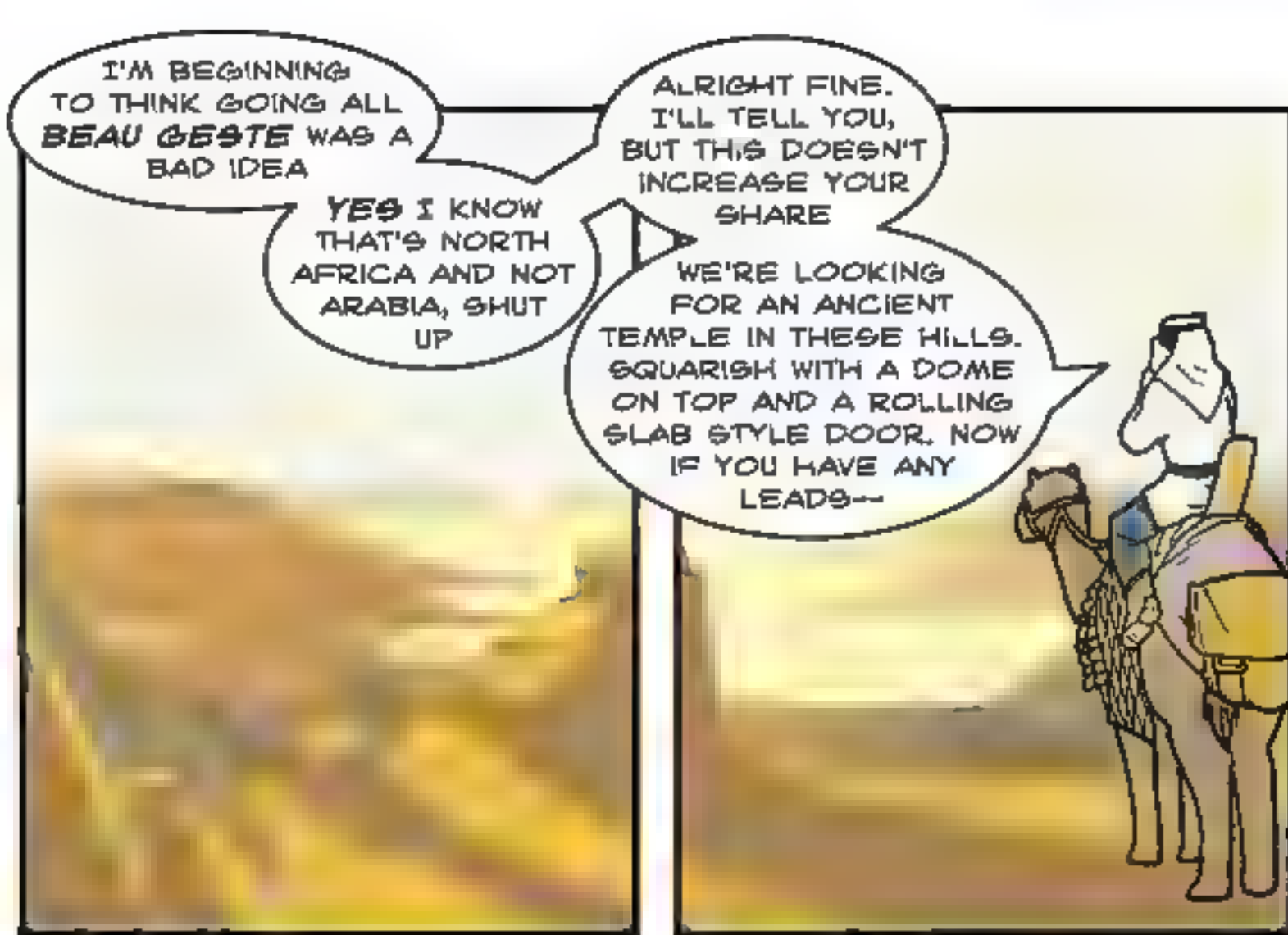
it Has all been
a lie



(Dramatic
pan-out)









GREETINGS,
I'M SABRINA,
APPRENTICE
PSYCHIC. TAROT
SENT ME

IS SHE
NOT COMING
HERSELF?

OF COURSE NOT!
TEMPLES ARE RAIDED BY
INTREPID ADVENTURERS, AND
SHE'S RANKED ABOVE THAT. HER
MERE PRESENCE WOULD BE
CHEATING

I DON'T HAVE
ANY IDEA WHAT
YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT

HERE, PUT
THIS ON

WHAT'S
THIS?

THAT MAKES
YOU THE "BARD"

I'M NOT
GOING TO
BE YOUR
BARD

Every so often I have a dream

I'M NOT
ANGRY
- I'M
JADED

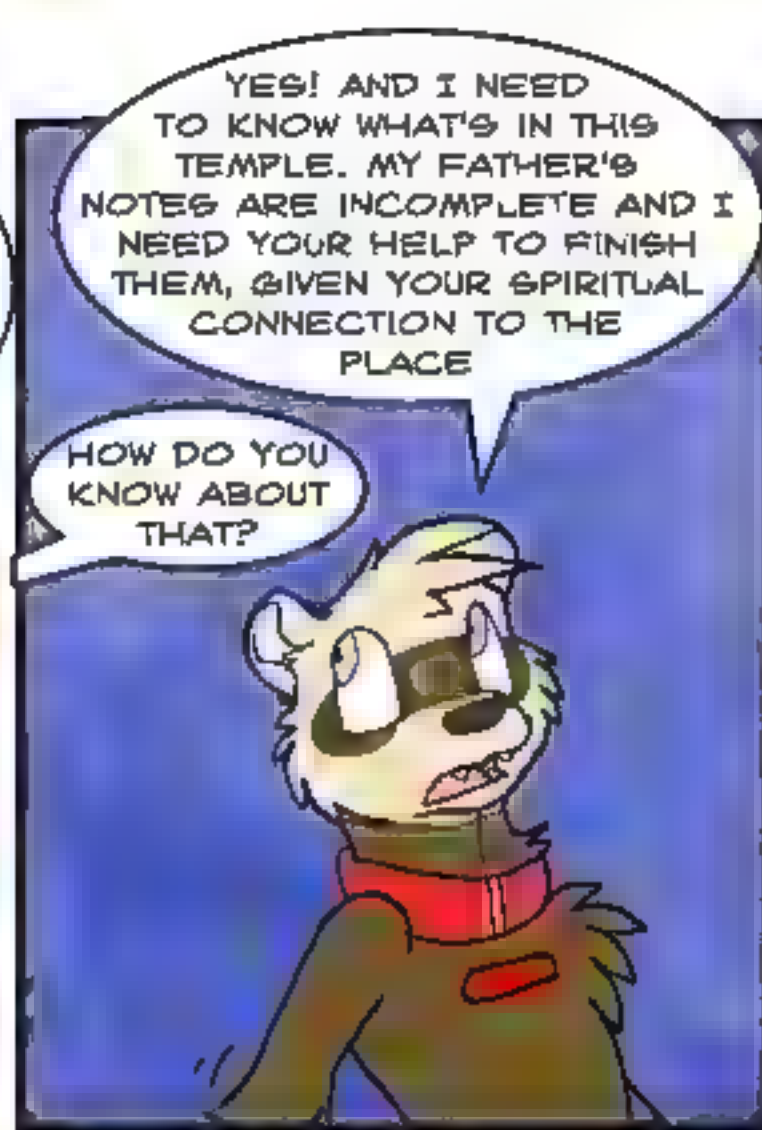
*I don't think it was meant for me.
Whoever keeps copying my
journal is going to see it as some
kind of sign, but I can't.*

REGARDLESS
OF WHAT HAPPENS,
THE MORTALS GET
THEIR HAPPILY-
EVER-AFTERS

*I just don't believe there's
anything to this Opener of Ways
nonsense*

AH,
SO THAT'S
YOU

GYAH



GABRINA, EXPLAIN
THE HAT THING

I CAN'T GET INTO
DETAILS, BUT THE ONLY
WAY ANYONE CAN GET INSIDE
THE TEMPLE IN ITS CURRENT
STATE IS THROUGH THE
"ADVENTURE WINDOW"

FACE THE
TEMPLE ON
ITS OWN,
TRAP-LADEN
TERMS

THESE HATS HELP
ESTABLISH A "POWER CHANNEL"
WITH MY MASTER--THEY WILL
BOOST AND AUGMENT OUR
SKILLS

BETWEEN THE FIVE OF
US, IT'S BEST TO DELEGATE
THESE VARIOUS POWERS

DARYL,
NATURALLY, WILL BE
OUR FRONT MAN,
OR "WARRI--"

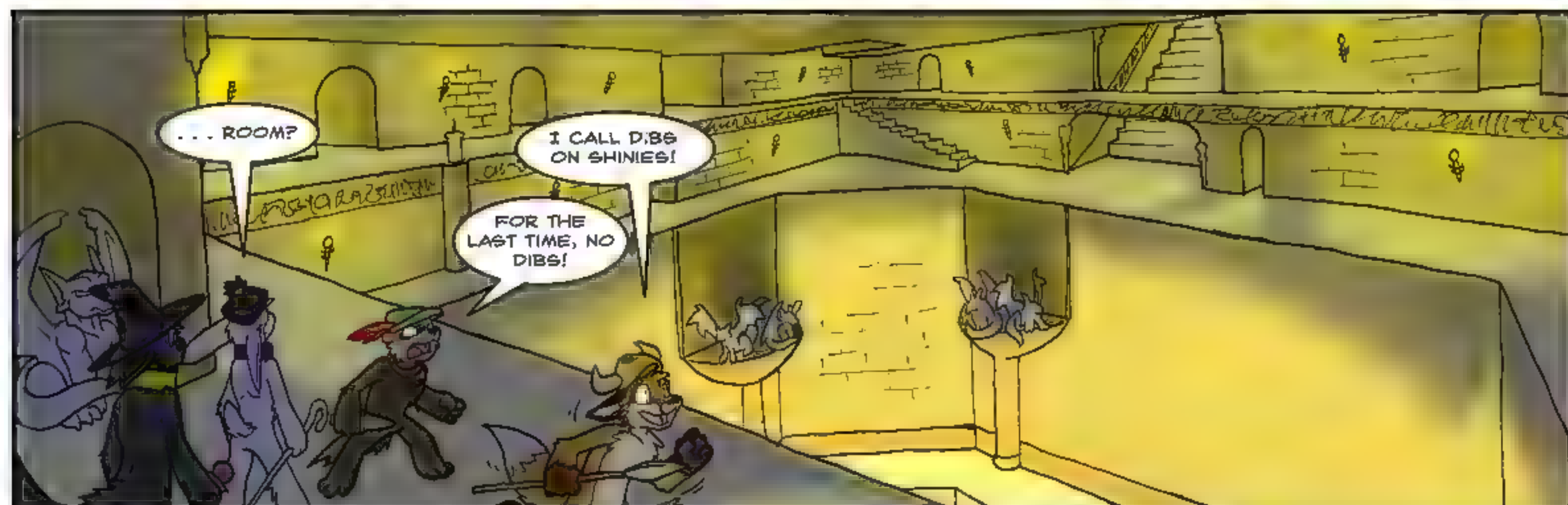
CAN'T
DO IT

WHA~BUT
YOU'RE

A TOTAL
COWARD,
YES'M

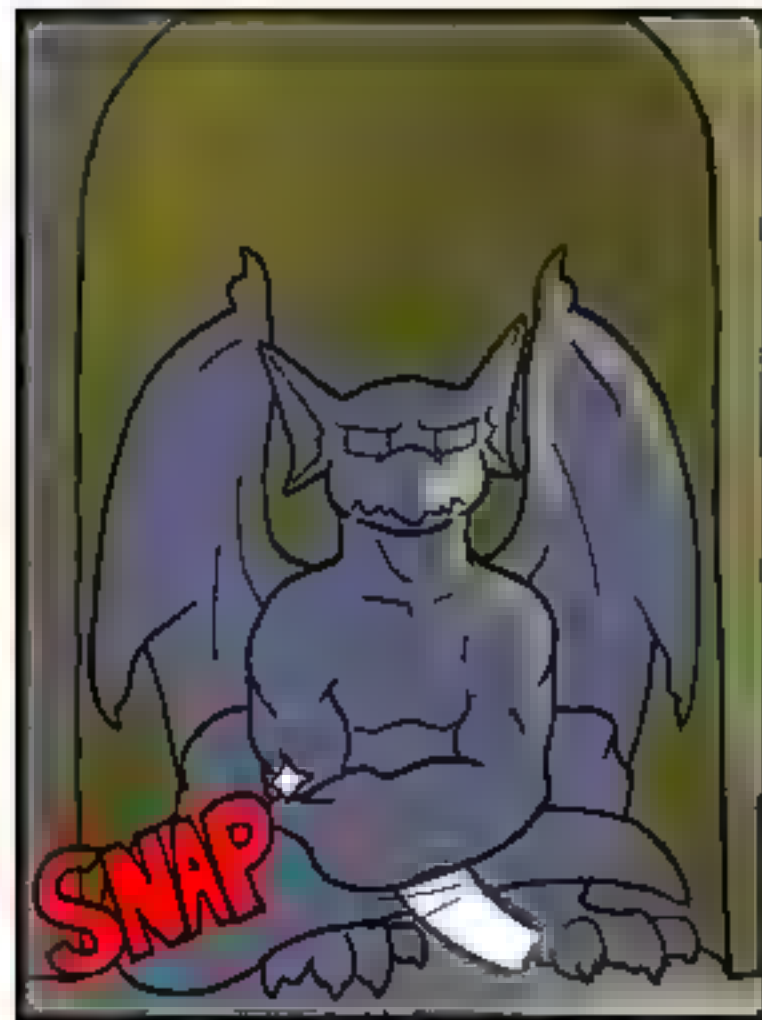
I'LL BE
THE BEEFY
FIGHTER!







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EEEEEEK

WHAT ARE
THOSE?!

OH RIGHT,
GARGOYLES
WE'D
BETTER
RUN

I DIDN'T
DO IT!

CURSE MY LOVE
OF LONG NARROW
PASSAGES!

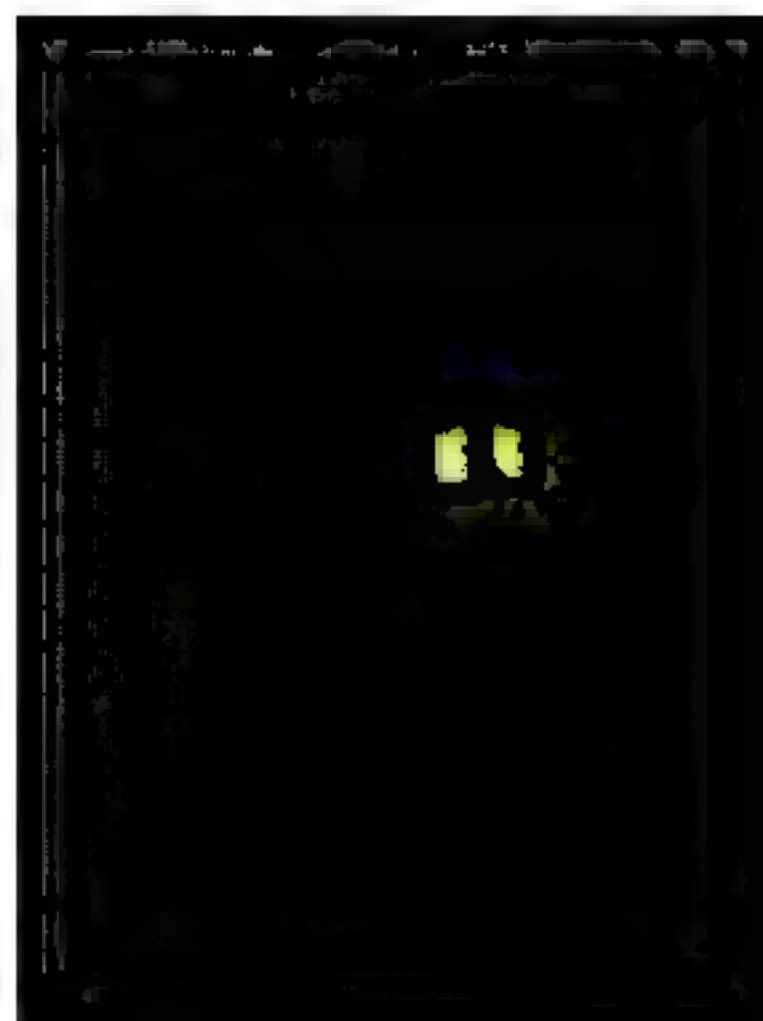
LISTEN! WE'LL START BY
MAKING A BATTLE PERIMETER!
DON'T LET YOURSELF BE
SURROUND--

TELEPORT!

OR WE
COULD DO
THIS, YEAH



PIFF



THE GRUE IS A SINISTER, LURKING
PRESENCE IN THE DARK PLACES
OF THE EARTH. ITS FAVORITE
DIET IS ADVENTURERS, BUT ITS
INSATIABLE APPETITE IS
TEMPERED BY ITS FEAR OF LIGHT.

BUT I
DON'T HAVE
ANY LIGHT!

THAT REALLY
IS TOO BAD

THUNK

HI THERE, YOU EVER
PLAY CORNHOLE?

THE GRUE DISLIKES
CORNHOLE AND
MOVES INTO THE
DARKER DARKNESS

NOW WHAT
DO WE HAVE
HERE?

GASP!

WHAT HAVE I
DONE? THEY'VE
KILLED THE
WABBIT!

I MEAN
RABB.T

UM, I'M
NOT DEAD

I KNOW, BUT I
ALWAYS WANTED
TO SAY THAT



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THERE'S ALSO FINE
PRINT ABOUT HIM NEEDING
TO SETTLE . . . ERM,
SOME BUSINESS

BUT IT
DOESN'T TELL
US ANYTHING
NEW!

THERE'S NO WHY,
THERE'S NO HOW,
THERE'S ONLY A DO
THIS THING

IF THERE'S NO
WAY TO CAPITALIZE ON
THAT PROMISE, OR EVEN
EVIDENCE IT CAN BE DONE,
THEN THIS HAS BEEN A
BIG WASTE OF—

CLIK...

AAACK

"WROOM"

HEY! I WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE THE
ONE WHO BUMBLES
INTO TRAPS!

WE'RE JUST
AS SURPRISED
AS YOU



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NOT BAD EVERYONE. BUT THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE, YOU'RE ALL TOO INEXPERIENCED TO CONTINUE ANY FURTHER

EXCEPT FOR THE FOX, I DON'T KNOW HOW HE KEEPS GETTING IN HERE

SEND MY REGARDS TO TAROT AND DRAGON

WAIT! YOU'RE THAT SUPERBEING WHO MADE A PROMISE TO MY FATHER, RIGHT?

I'VE MADE A PROMISE, YES -

BUT DO NOT PRESUME TO SPEAK OF SUCH MATTERS WHEN--

I WILL PRESUME TO SPEAK! MY FATHER'S LEGACY DID NOT DIE WITH HIM, SO DO YOU INTEND ON KEEPING YOUR WORD OR NOT?

HE'S RIGHT, PETE. LIES DO NOT BECOME A DEMIGOD

WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND TELL HIM, SABRINA?

YOU KNOW WHAT I MUST DO

... SABRINA, WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?

... TWO THINGS

FIRST, HE CANNOT SURRENDER ALL HIS POWER AT ONCE TO DO THIS TASK, BECAUSE IT WOULD CAUSE HIM TO LOSE A BET WITH MY MASTER, WHICH WOULD CAUSE HIM TO LOSE SAID POWER ANYHOW

THAT WAS IN THE FINE PRINT

SECOND, HE IS AT ODDS WITH MY MASTER ON THIS MATTER. FORCING EQUALITY ON THE WORLD WOULD CREATE A CATASTROPHE

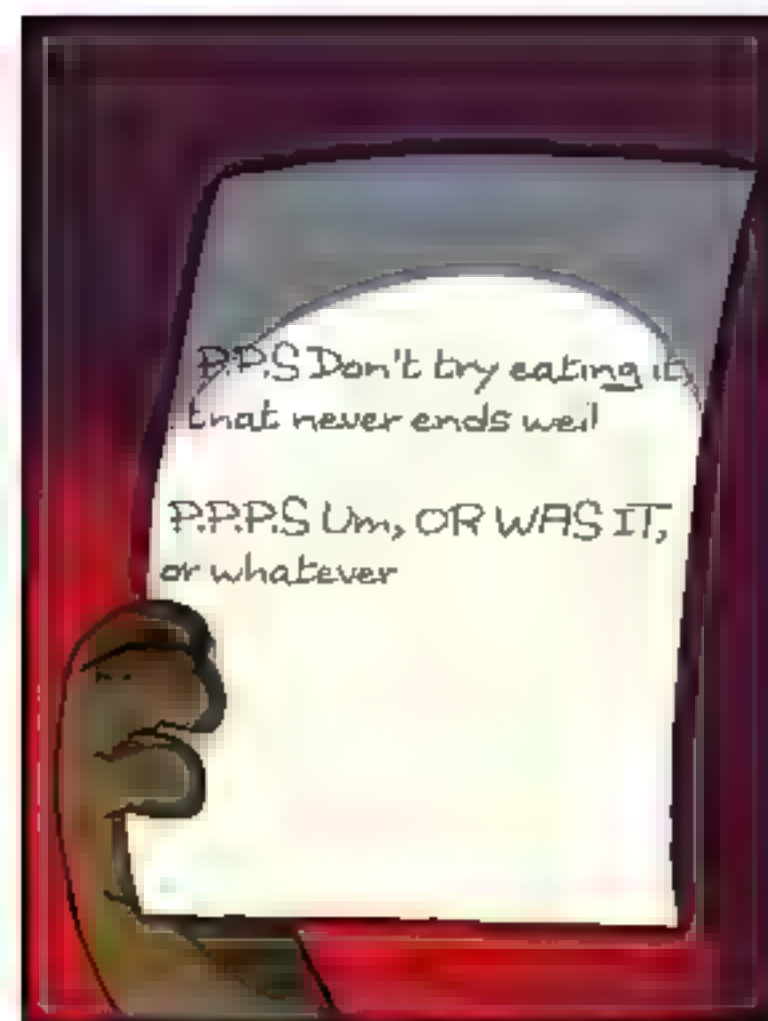
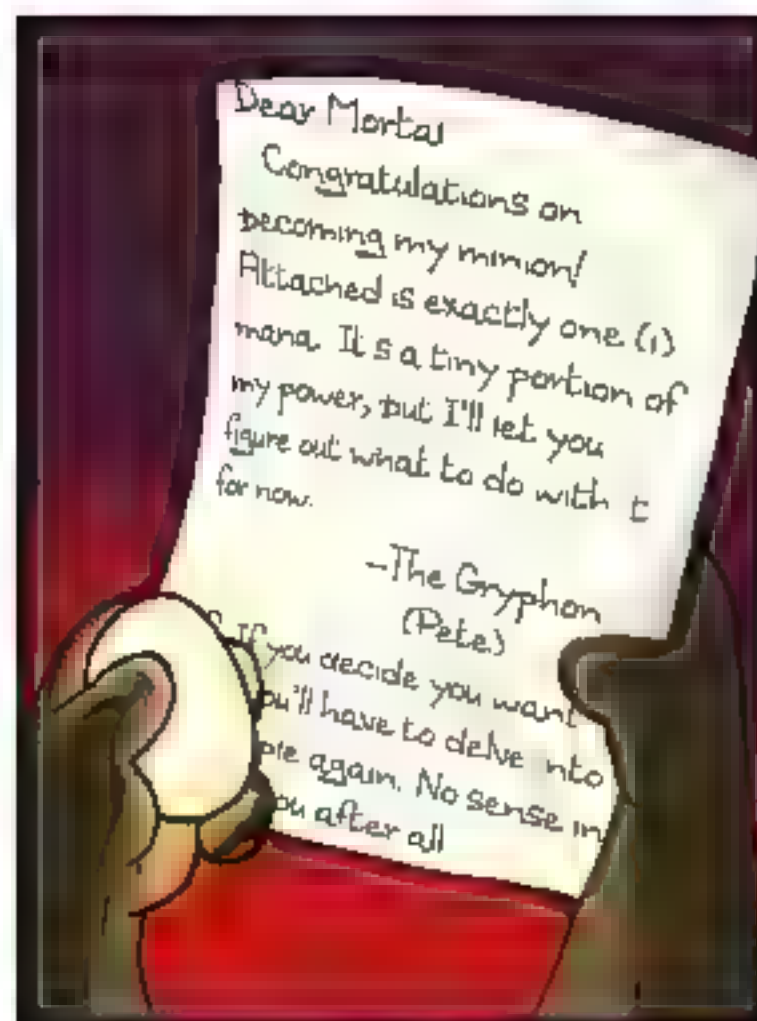
PETE PRESUMES THE HIGH PRICE IS WORTH IT, MY MASTER DOES NOT

YOUR MASTER IS TOO CODDLING OF YOU MORTALS

PAIN MAY PRECEDE CHANGE, BUT IN THE END, YOU MORTALS GET YOUR HAPPILY-EVER-AFTERS

HEY, THIS IS EXACTLY LIKE IN MY DREAMS!

I'LL SAY





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Spot (superdog) in the
Hall of Ween!

Gentlemen and gentle-
various-animals, Halloween
is coming up, and you know
what that means!



This is the one night
we don't need to hide
behind our secret
identities!



hi spot (superdog)!
hi bat-bat!

Hi kids! Ha ha,
they don't know
we're real!



Wait



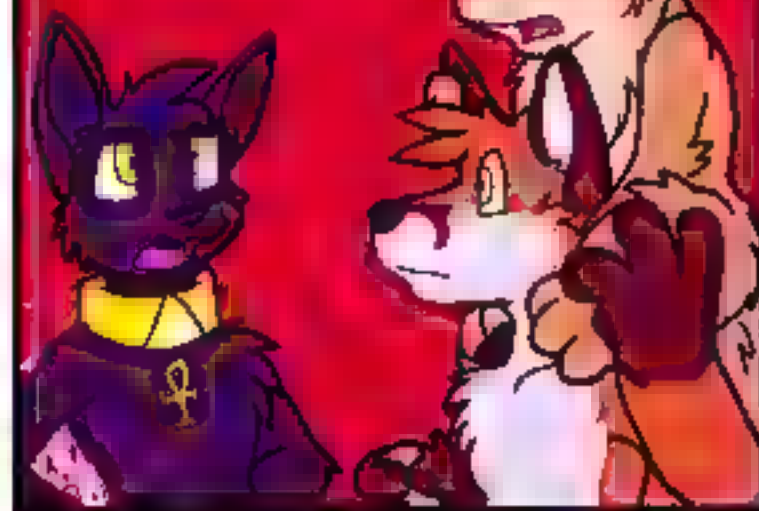


AFTER THEIR LAST
ADVENTURE, A CERTAIN
FOX FOLLOWED A
CERTAIN BLACK CAT
HOME AND STARTED,
UM, HANGING OUT



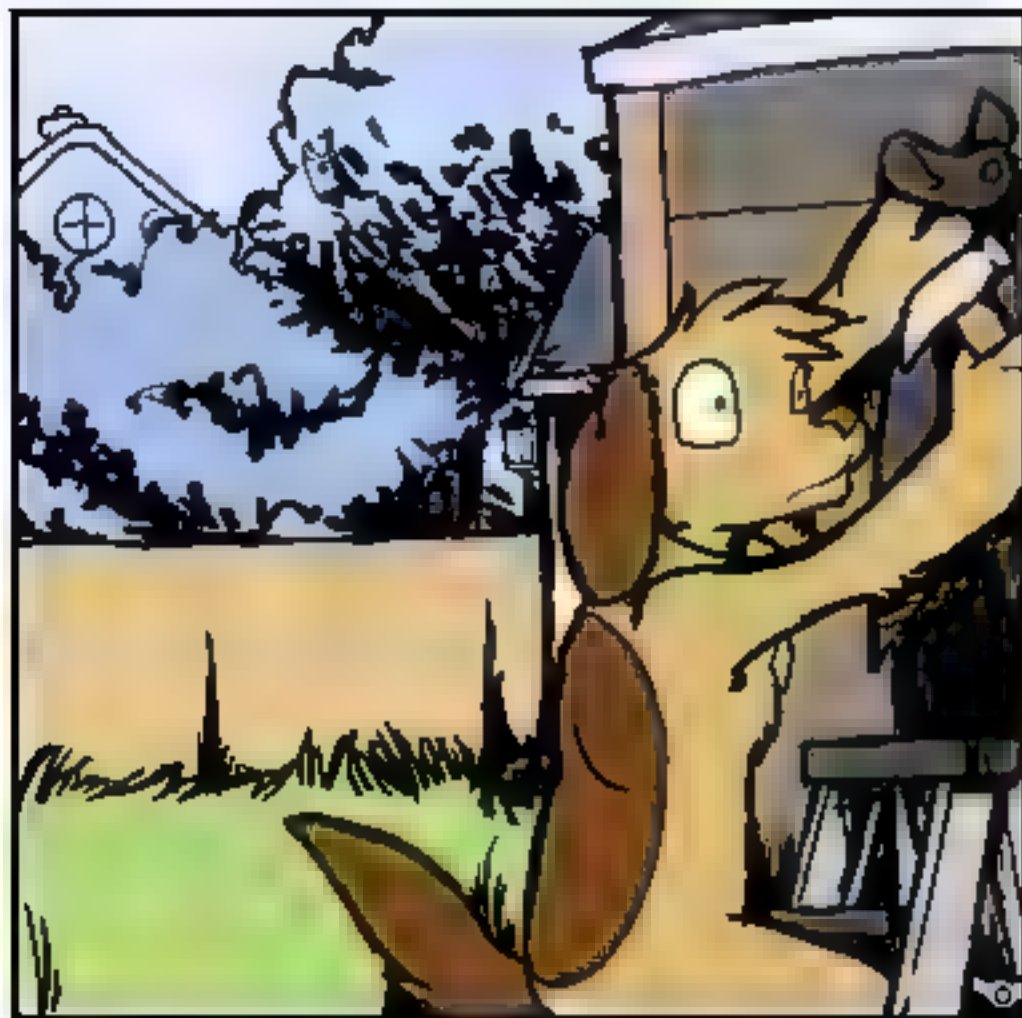
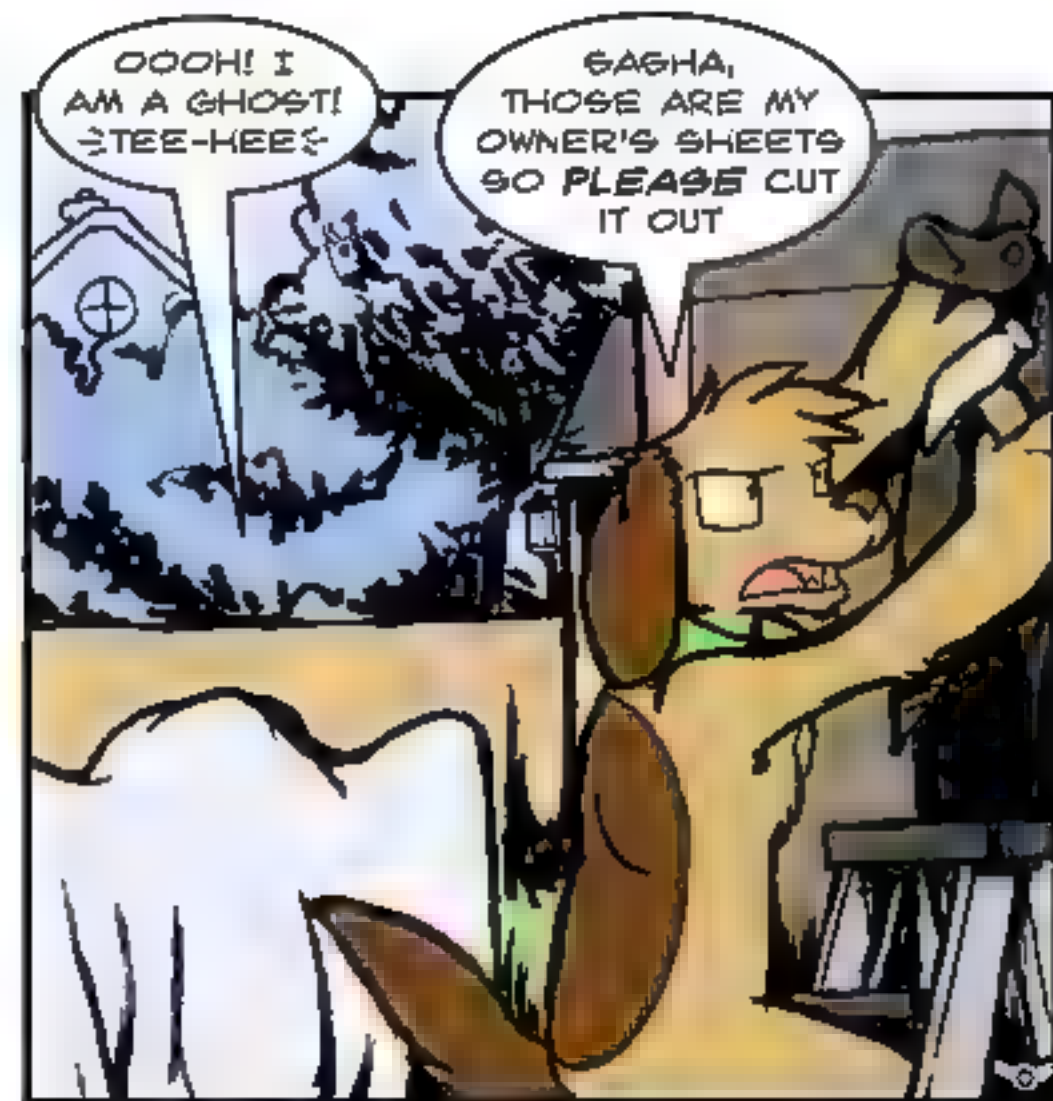
YOU DO KNOW WE
HAVE A STEPLADDER
FOR THIS SORT OF
THING

OH I KNOW, BUT
THOSE AREN'T SELF-
PROPELLED

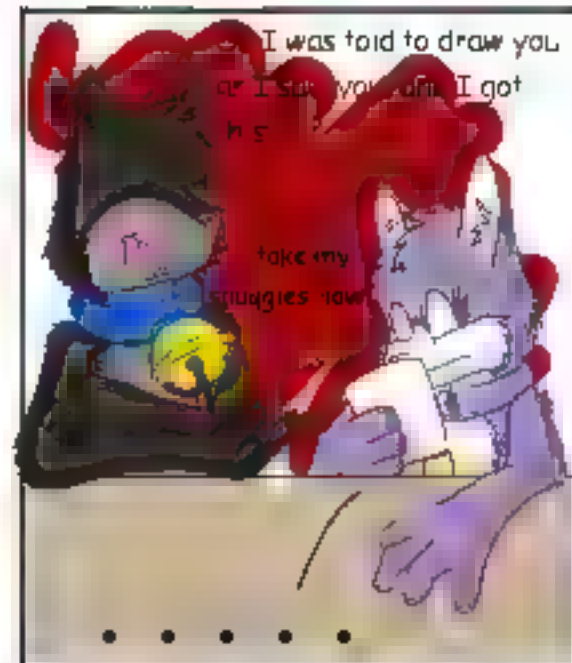
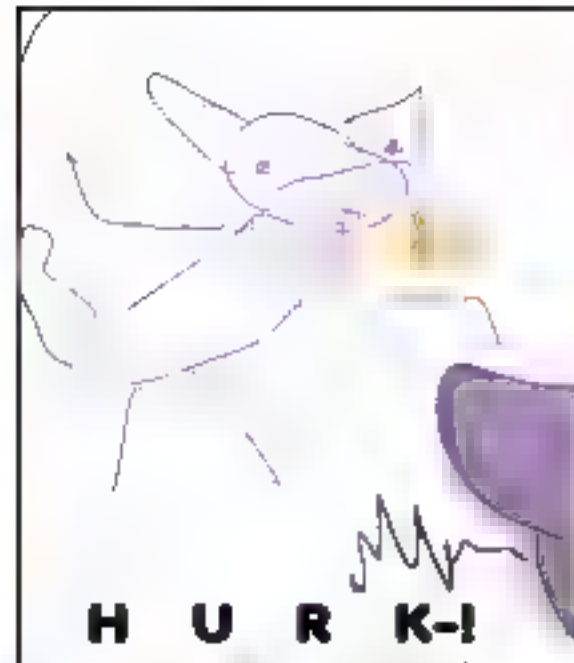
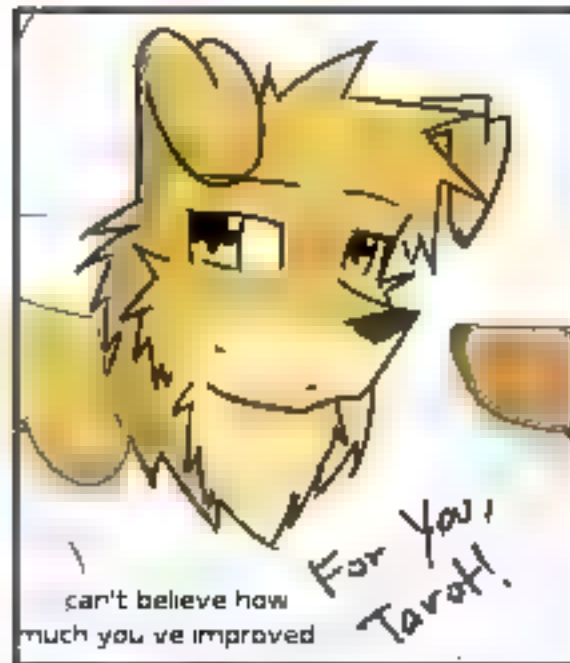


TO THE
HALLWAY!











♪ A BOOK REPORT ON ZACH THE RA~BBIT ♪

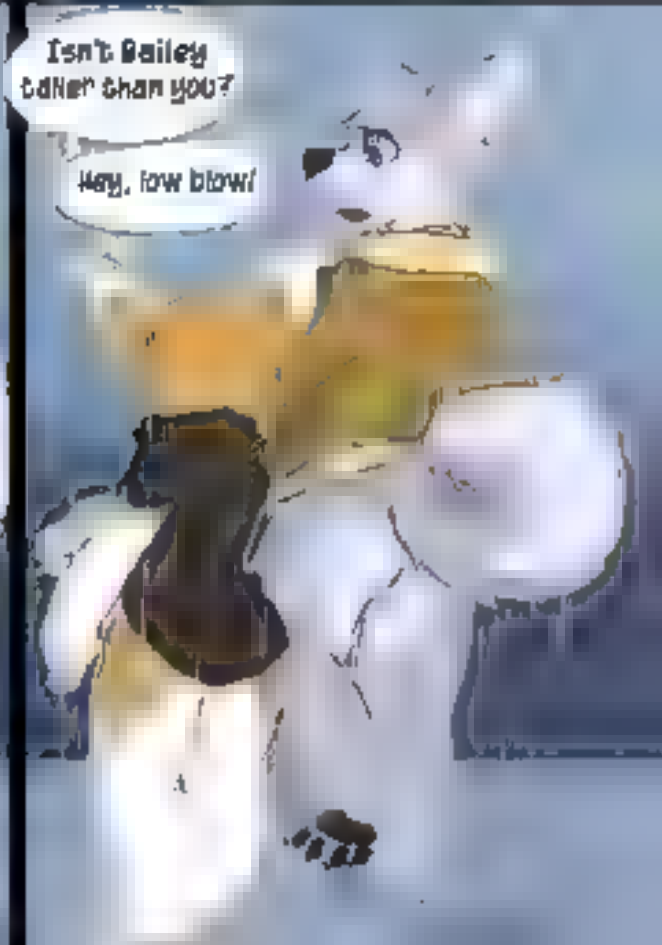
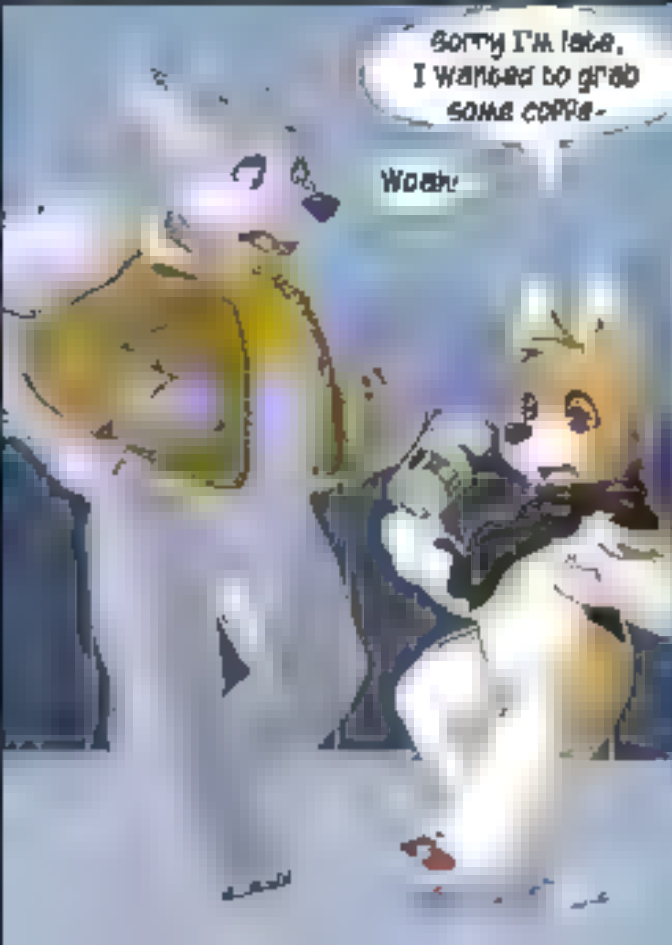
4 PAGES
BOOK
ONLY

WHY
NOT?

NO
ONE
CAN
DO
IT



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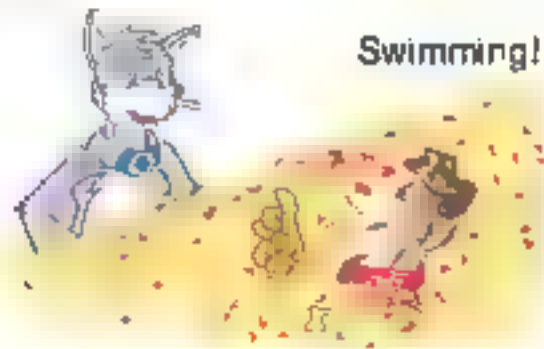




Weel



Peanut? What
are you doing?



Swimming!

In our Halloween
Candy Corn?!



Weeee!!!

HEY KING,
DID YOU
FINISH
THAT BO

ARE YOU
OKAY?
YOU LOOK
BEAT

IT'S FINE,
LET'S JUST
GET OUT
OF HERE

WHAT?
WHY?

YOU SEE,
I STARTED
THIS GAME WT
MILES' CUB

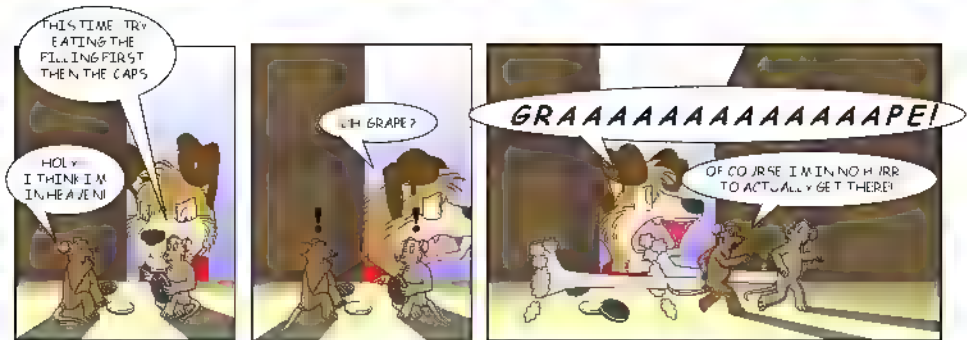
**SUPER ULTRA
DEATH TACKLE
MK-1**

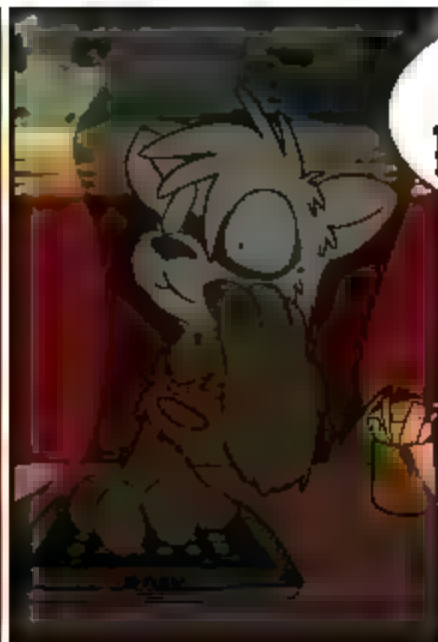
IT IS I,
"SPACE ROCKSTAR
HAWK THE THIRD"

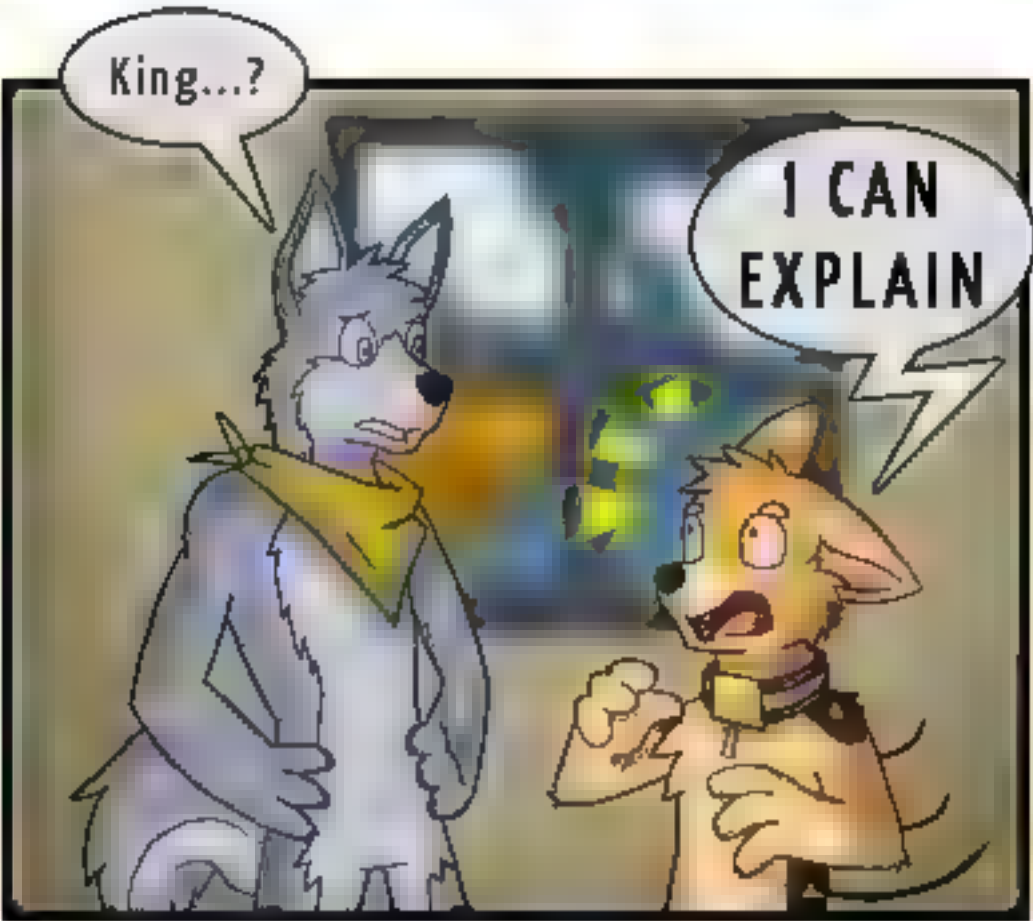
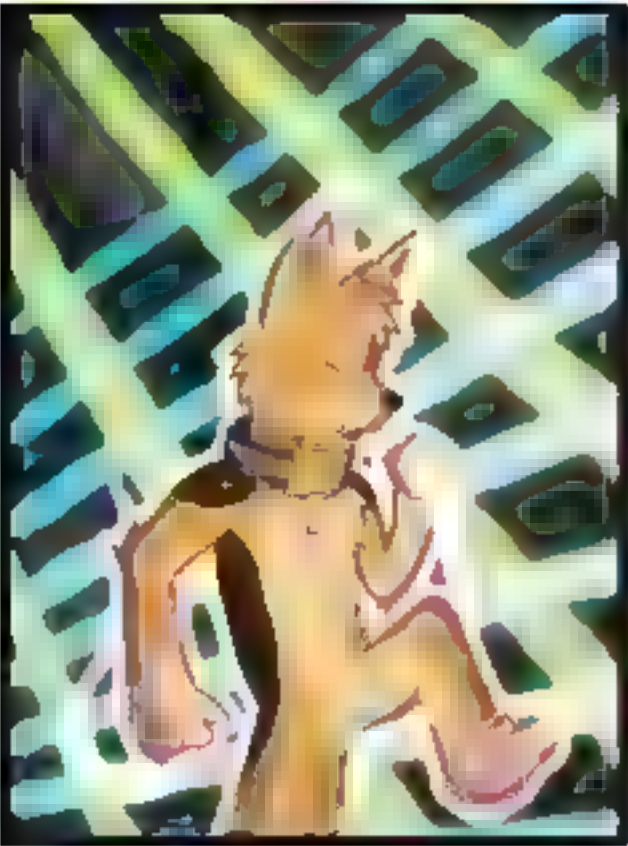
WHO HAS PUT
AN END TO YOUR
TYRANNY RULE!

OH I SEE

UH HUH

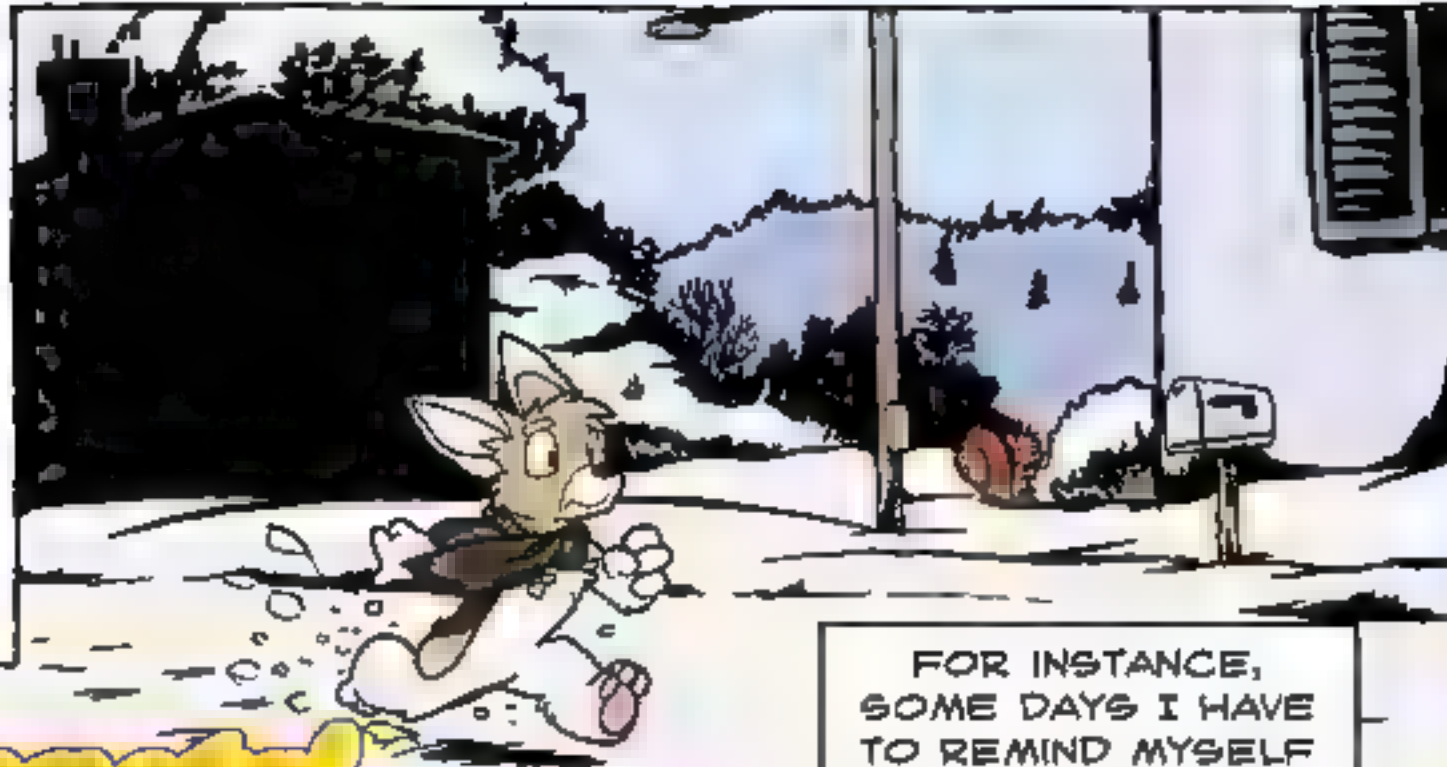








HAVING LIVED
MOST OF MY
LIFE AS A
HUMAN, I CAN'T
SHAKE THE
NOTION THAT
MY LIFE IS
NOW WEIRD



FOR INSTANCE,
SOME DAYS I HAVE
TO REMIND MYSELF
THAT MY GIRLFRIEND
IS A DOG

Housepet

The Unbearable Lightness
of Being a Dog

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FOX! IS
BAILEY--

KNOCK
KNOCK

KING!



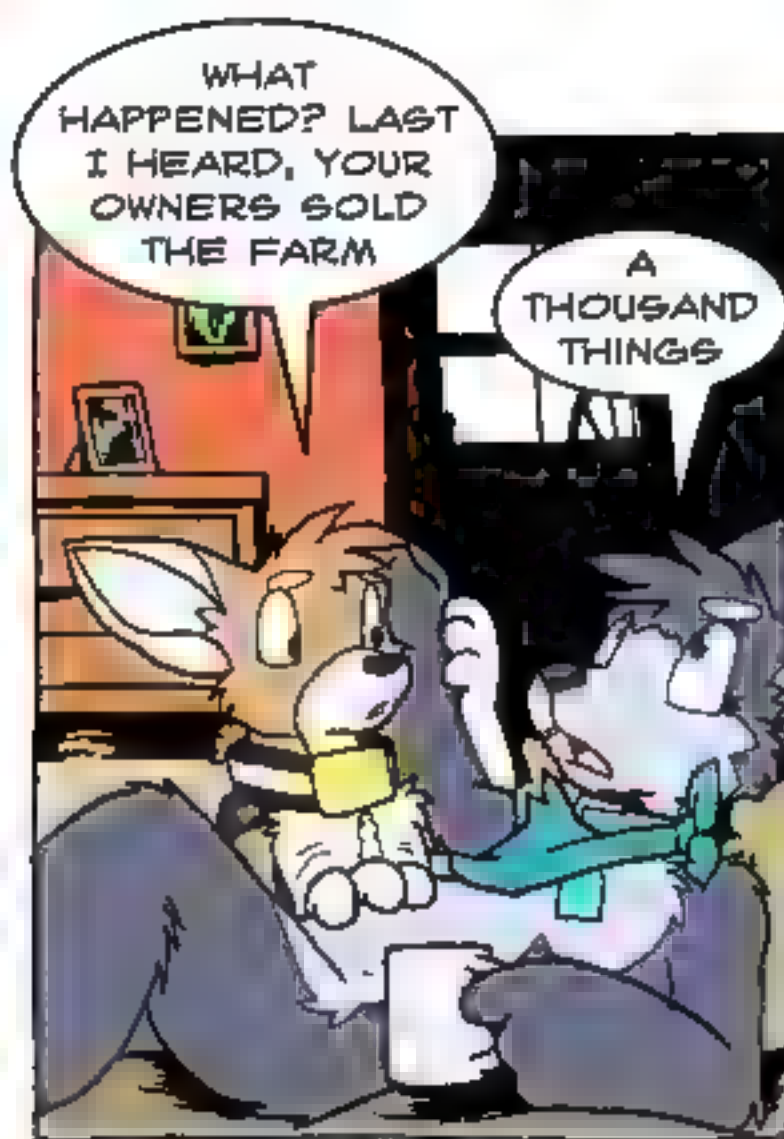
OTHER DAYS, SHE
REMINDS ME

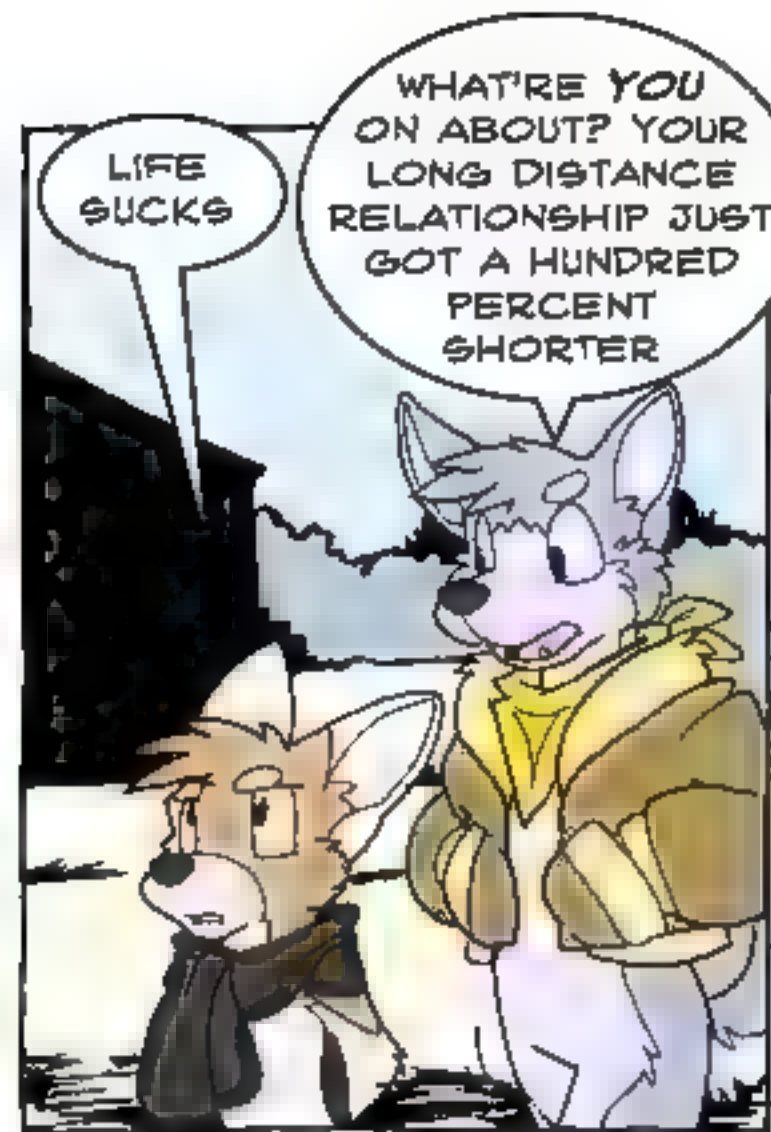
WHO'S A
GOOD GIRL!

I AM!



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THE
WOLF
HOUSE

KING,
THERE YOU
ARE!

SINCE OUR
CHRISTMAS PARTY
WAS SUCH A
SUCCESS, WE'RE
INVITING THE WHOLE
NEIGHBORHOOD
THIS YEAR!

IS THIS A
GOOD IDEA?
DON'T YOU WEIRD
OUT HUMANS?

THEY ARE CAPABLE
OF SEEING BEYOND MERE
TRAPPINGS! FALLACES SUNT
RERUM SPECIES! "THE
APPEARANCES OF THINGS
ARE DECEPTIVE"

I
SUPPOSE
...

... IF BY "THINGS"
YOU MEAN A PILE OF
RAW UNGULATE
CARCASSES

THE
APPEARANCES
OF THINGS
ARE ALSO
DELICIOUS

THE DAMAGE
CONTROL IN ME
SAYS: HOW ABOUT
WE DO PET-ONLY
INVITES?

HOW DOES THAT HELP
HUMANS ACCLIMATE TO
US?

DO HUMANS
HAVE TO BE THE
POINT?

I KNOW YOU DON'T
LIKE BEING CONSIDERED
PETS, BUT THAT DOESN'T
MEAN THEY SHOULD BE
LEFT OUT

THE DOGS
LOOK UP TO
YOU

PERHAPS
YOU ARE
RIGHT

WE SHOULD NOT BE
SO GREEDY FOR EQUALITY
THAT WE FORGET OUR
ROOTS

THAT'S IT! WE CAN
CREATE PARITY BY MAKING
EVERYONE FERALS!

THE THEME WILL BE
"PARTY NAKED"!

THAT'S NOT
WHAT I--

HUMANS AND
PETS MINGLE!
NAKED!

OKAY! I'M GOING
TO GO GOUGE OUT MY
MIND'S EYE WITH THE
MELON BALLER

I'D LIKE THESE INVITATIONS HANDED OUT, TODAY IF POSSIBLE

OKAY, BUT I THINK I'LL NEED TO GET SOME HELP--

BAILEEEY!
CAN YOU HELP
ME WITH A
LITTLE--

KNOCK
KNOCK

... HON?
HAVE YOU BEEN
CRYING?

I'VE BEEN ...
UM, WATCHING ALL
DOGS GO TO
HEAVEN

KINGY! IT'S--
IT'S NOT WHAT
YOU THINK!

SO YOUR
ANSWER IS, "NO,
BUT I DECIDED I
REALLY NEEDED
TO"

CAN'T YOU
JUST BELIEVE ME
LIKE A FANTASY
BOYFRIEND?



GREETINGS, YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE WOLF HOUSE CHRISTMAS
EVE **EXTRAVAGANZA**

YOU MUST BE KING'S
GIRL! YOU HAVE MATCHING
GRUMPFACES

HE LIKES
TO SPREAD
THE JOY

YEAH, KINGY FRETS
OVER EENSY THINGS. HE
EVEN TOLD ME TO RUN AWAY
FROM HOME, EVEN THOUGH
I HAVE FOOD! AND A **PILE
OF LAUNDRY!**

I KNOW,
RIGHT? ALWAYS
FOCUSING ON THE
NEGATIVE!

SOMETIMES I
SUSPECT HE'S A
MINIATURE HUMAN
IN A DOG SUIT

AH HINK HOU
HAVE HO HECK
HEIR HEETH HO
HAKE HURE



BAILEY,
I'M JUST
SAYING--

JUST
SAYING!?

ALL YOU'RE DOING
IS "JUST SAYING"! IT'S
NOT AN IDEAL SITUATION, BUT
I'M TRYING TO MAKE IT BETTER
AND YOU ARE CHEWING AT
THE WOUND! SO WHAT ARE
YOU JUST SAYING?!



THE NIGHT OF
THE PARTY

OH YEAH BABE,
THESE SICK ABS COME
WITH THE CATCH-AND-KILL
LIFESTYLE

PONCHO, YOU
AIN'T CAUGHT A
SINGLE RABBIT SINCE
YOU DISCOVERED
CHEETOS

HEY ... HAS
ANYONE SEEN BAILEY?
SHE SAID ... SHE'D
BE HERE ...

I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
WERE
PLANNING!

WE DIDN'T!
ISN'T IT
GREAT?

WHAT ...
HOW DO YOU
KNOW IT'S THE
RIGHT TIME?

KING MY BOY, IF YOU
ALWAYS WORRY ABOUT THE
FUTURE, YOU'LL SOON RUN OUT,
HAVING NEVER LIVED HERE AND
NOW. BESIDES, WHAT IS THERE
TO WORRY ABOUT WHEN YOU
HAVE LOVE?

YEEP!

OH, HEY SNOW,
RODNEY ... THIS
IS NEW

DIDN'T KNOW
WE WERE
EXPECTING?

ISN'T THAT
RIGHT, MY LITTLE
LAMBSHANK?

ABSOLUTELY, MY
BIG SWEETLIVER

MY LOVELY
DEERHEART

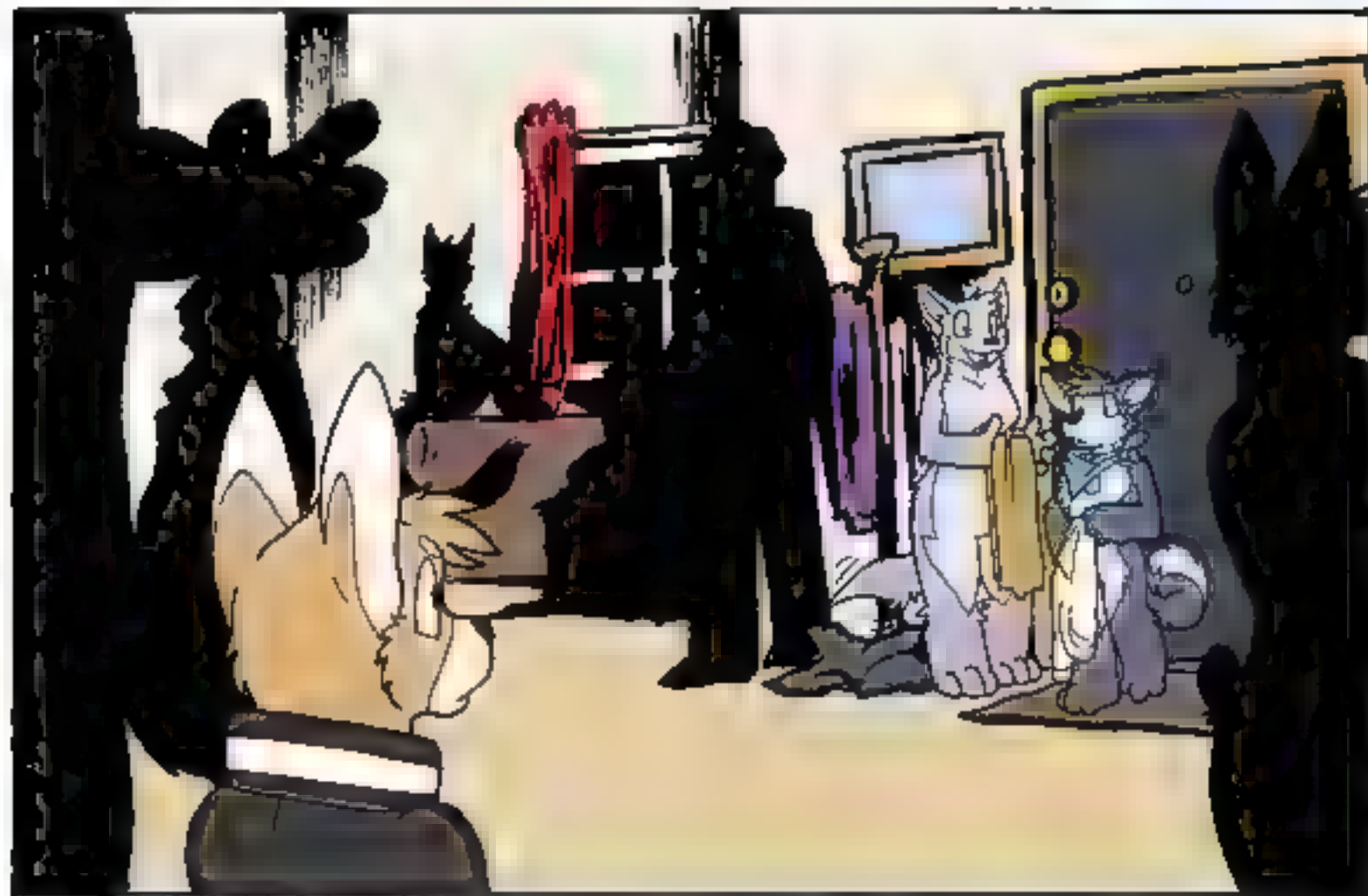
MY
WONDERFUL
SNUFFLEBUTT

MY DELIGHTFUL
CRUNCHYBONE

MY
UNPARALLELED
OFFALBUNS

MY
AMAZING
CARRION
DRIPPINGS

INCH INCH



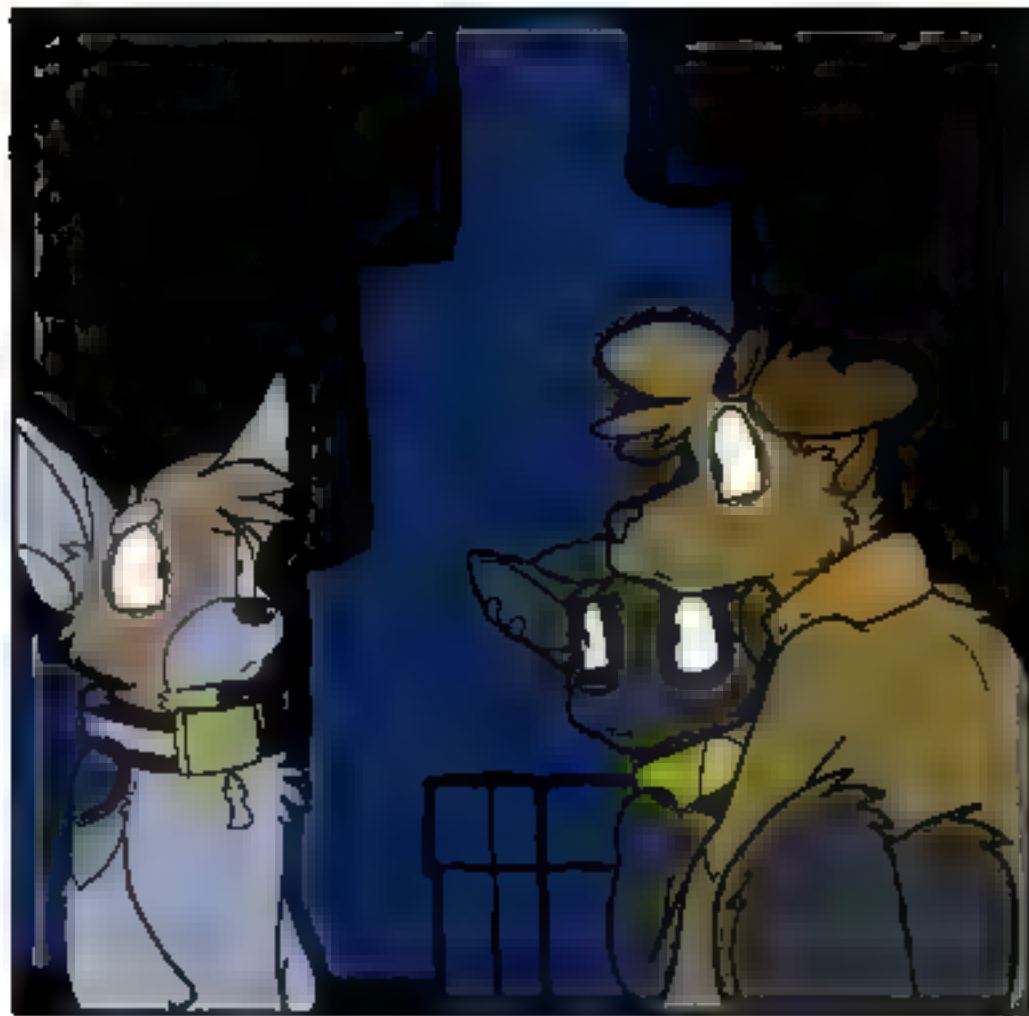
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I SAW WHO WAS COMING UP THE WALK BEHIND ME



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YOU'RE NOT STILL UPSET?

OF COURSE NOT! I KNOW YOU MEANT WELL, AND YOU MEAN MORE TO ME THAN BICKERING COULD EVER RUIN

THAT'S GOING TO MAKE THIS A LOT LESS AWKWARD THEN

WHAT'S THIS?

BAILEY, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

KING, ARE YOU CRAZY?! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVE? IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE TAKES "PET MARRIAGES" SERIOUSLY!

BUT I AM SERIOUS

I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO SAY YES. I HAVE FLAWS AND MAKE STUPID MISTAKES

I WANT TO DO THIS RIGHT--TO MAKE THINGS BETTER AND NOT WORSE. PUT ASIDE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK. WOULD YOU WANT WHAT I'M OFFERING?



Merry Christmas!
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I'LL TRADE FOUR
SNACKERDOODLES FOR
THE CINNA-NOMS

THEY'RE
WORTH MORE
THAN THAT! TAKE
THE CHEESE
SNORKELS
TOO

BLEGH. I GUESS
I COULD GIVE THEM
TO MAX

YOU HAVE ANY
GENERIC FRUIT
PIES?

ONLY IN
BARBECUE
FLAVOR

JUNK FOODS
HAVEN'T BEEN
THE SAME SINCE
HOSTESS WENT
UNDER

HAS LITTLE
DEBBIE ALWAYS
HAD TWO
CHINS?

